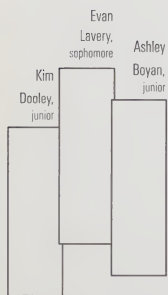




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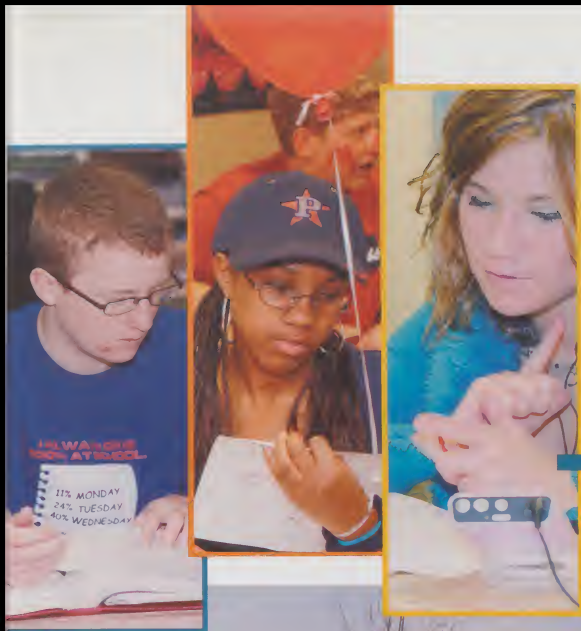
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slices of life

Day in, day out students found the little things provided life's vows. With a T-shirt stating his feelings, Dan Drudge, junior, works in class, while Jasmine Fonda-Adegbeni, freshman, shows off her DECA Homecoming balloon in World Geography. With her iPod playing to help her focus, Brittany Lewis, junior, practices sign language.



eye on the prize

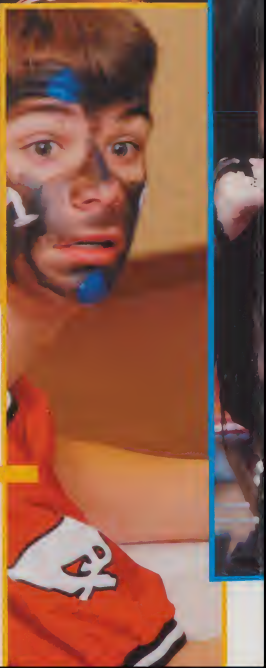
Shouting to their fellow sophomores, JV puns Olivia Gershaman, Kartlin Newell, Rachel Eldert, Sam Taylor, Riyona Abraham, Courtney Basil, Lizzie Browder and Michelle Zehner watch the tug of war at the Homecoming pep rally. "I really got into it," Kartlin said. "I was yelling at everyone to pull harder so we would win." The sophomores defeated the seniors in the game. "Later that night we danced at the football game to 'I Need A Hero,'" Olivia said. "It was JV and Varsity puns together, the only time we did that all year."



“Wow. I can't wait to get to lunch. It's ravioli day!”

Paige Popravak,
senior

at first glance
Face painted by football player Brandon Platt, senior, Jimmy Hesterman, sophomore, sits wide-eyed in class on Homecoming. Listening to a friend in Economics, Karly Dytrych, senior, shows off her style. "I liked to enhance this in every aspect of my life, mainly in my artwork and dress" Karly said. **Chomping down** his school lunch, Scott Vandersteen, senior, enjoys his blueberry muffin. "My favorite day is Nachos Deluxe. You can put anything you want on them," Scott said.



Wow, did you see her shoes?

Wow, I feel sick right now.

Wow, that test was hard.
Wow, who are all these people?

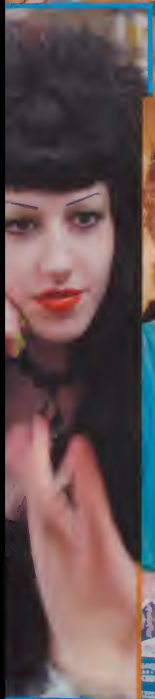
Wow, the parking lot is packed.

Wow, I have something to tell you.

Wow. You struggled to wake up at 5 a.m. to study Trig functions only to be relieved that you actually passed that Pre-Calc test. You **pushed past** the 1,417 other students crowding the North hallways to avoid getting that third tardy in South. You felt the excitement when the **bell rang** at 2:45 p.m. each Friday, freeing you for the next 65 hours (unless you had zero hour, then you only had 64). You got **swept up** in the crowd of basketball fans spilling onto the court after guard Steve Luptak, sophomore, shot the winning basket at the buzzer to beat Highland 48-47.

Wow

more than a word...
a slice of life



sink or swim

Swimming in gym class, Jenny Andert, sophomore, practices the sidestroke. "Christian Arteaga [freshman] thought it'd be funny if he untied the top of my bathing suit while I was getting my picture taken," Jenny said. "I transferred from a different school, so I had to take a semester of gym. I hated being with freshmen. They were very immature!"



“Wow. I can't believe I didn't know about this test until last hour!”

Steve Alspach,
junior

endless work

Towel wrapped around her for warmth, Lauren Lomeli, sophomore, looks to the scoreboard at the IUPUI Natatorium. "I wanted to see what place our relay got. We were hoping for top three, but we didn't make it," she said. Patiently waiting for Mrs. Florencia Stole to call on her, Emily Clark, junior, raises her hand. "I asked a lot of questions if I didn't understand what's going to be on the test," she said. "I wanted to know what to expect." Concentrating in the math lab, Harrison Hernandez, freshman, doesn't let his hair distract him from what's on the screen.



a slice of work



Unfortunately, life provided more than fun and games—work took up every hour of the 185 school days, consuming your time and energy. **You said “wow” when...**

420 minutes of school, followed by an hour of weight training, and then three hours of homework meant flinging yourself into bed at midnight—14 seniors found this **hectic schedule** paid off as they earned National Merit Finalists honors.

Pulling into spot 234 in South, near the pool parking lot, added two minutes to your **three and half minute sprint** to Mr. Hal Coppage’s first hour U.S. History class in North. Even that shortcut down the pool hallway couldn’t save you from being late.

Losing the analogies on the **new SATs** meant a 45-minute writing section, coming after 3 hours of algebra, geometry and reading comprehension test questions.

Debating John Kerry’s Vietnam service or arguing over George W. Bush’s policies in Iraq, you **butted heads** with Republicans and Democrats at the open forum on election day, Nov. 2. Student Government’s mock election results proved identical to the nation’s, split 51%, 49% for Bush.

The work never ended...

“The Semi-State course was just... wow. The mud and the rain were awesome to run in.”

Murad Omerly,
senior

shout it out

After attacking John Hansen, senior, with a water bottle, Egle Vanekute, junior, playfully wrestles him in the hallway.

Taking off her high heels, Enn Goodman, sophomore, makes it easier on herself to dance at Turnabout.

Racing past her opponents at the pep rally, Jenny Jamisch, junior, barely holds onto her greased watermelon in the Homecoming relay. "The Vasaline got all over my shirt," she said. "It was so sticky and gross."



loop to loop

On "Pi Day," March 14 or 3.14, Matt Coduti, senior, hula-hoops in AP Calculus. The class celebrated the mathematical day with cupcakes and a contest for the longest time hula-hooping. "I went for about a minute," Matt said. "I have an interesting hula-hooping style. It made everyone laugh."



a slice of play

Luckily, play provided minutes of excitement between hours of work. You said “wow” when...

Joey Domenico, sophomore, cheered his girlfriend, sophomore Kate Varnum; sister Chrissy, senior; and the rest of the Girls' Soccer Team all the way to Valparaiso for their **first Semi-State** ever, beating Andean 1-0

Shaking your hand in the hallway, Mike Konopasek, sophomore, **asked for your vote** through his rubber George W. Bush mask on election day.

Triumphantly showing off the price tag, Mr. Steve Wrobleski, math teacher, bragged about his **\$9 tie** from 1976. With a different tie everyday, you never saw the same tie twice.

Thanks to your spare change donations at lunch, Jon Funston, senior, **nailed** Assistant Principal Mr. Al Gandolfi in the face with a whipped cream pie to raise \$42.83 for Riley's Children Hospital on Homecoming. Altogether, Student Government raised over \$2,200 for the Indianapolis hospital.

Work and play sliced together. Emotions, shock, disbelief and relief proved **wow... more than a word, a slice of life.**



a little bit louder now

Rumors that Napoleon Dynamite died whipped through the school in late February like a deadly tornado, from one excited gossip to the next. A spontaneous squeal escaped a C+ student's lips when he finally received an A- on his research paper after working on it for nights on end. The rush of excitement surrounded the Boys' Swimming Team as they received their 4th Place State victory. Energy drove the school and its people to make it through each day.

"I just have to laugh..."

A quiet Senior Composition class. Pens put to paper. Minds searching memories for a narrative essay on a family member. A single, boisterous screech disturbs the peace. Danica Rajcevic, senior, laughs raucously at a face made by her friend sitting across the room. No one else even cracks a smile. It was one of many inside joke moments shared between Danica and her friends.

"I'm just a happy person," Danica said. "I love being happy. Anything that anybody says, it could be something so stupid, but I just have to laugh."

"If I didn't have t-shirts..."

Bustling around her desk, searching for a solution, Mrs. Sandie Madsen, English teacher, desperately tried to locate her missing roll of masking tape. Grasping the roll in her hand, she walks victoriously to the front of senior Steven Decker's desk, and tears a piece of tape.

"I can't allow this in my class," Mrs.

Madsen says sweetly. When her work is completed the tape covers all but "For good luck" on senior Steven's t-shirt. The offensive play on words had been defeated.

"It may have been offensive, but it makes me stand out, and I like to be funny," Steven said. "If I didn't have t-shirts to express my personality, I'd go crazy in the halls instead. Being the token 'class-clown' is in my body."

"I wasn't really expecting anything..."

Sporting not only his hockey jersey, but also a plastic, be-jeweled king crown and balloons, Ryan Burke, junior, walked through school celebrating his 17th birthday. Girlfriend Ashley Taylor, junior, showered him with presents and a decorated locker.

"I wasn't really expecting anything," Ryan said. "But as soon as I saw her walking towards me, I could see everything, and I knew what was up."

Now standing out in the eye of the crowd, Ryan walked from class to class with the distinction that this was his day.

“ Turnabout was awesome. We made a big entrance in our party bus, which was great, because no one wanted to drive in all the snow. ”

Jenna Candiano,
senior



good times

Proudly raising their 20th straight Sectional trophy, sophomore Joe Raycroft; juniors Bryan Chovanes and Wil Leary; senior cocaptains Jeff Galk, Steven Millies, and Michael Mashura; and diver Sean Leto, senior, celebrate their success. "We kept the tradition alive," Steven said. "That energy pumped us up for State."

slippery situation

Using teamwork to the best of their ability, seniors Ali Nykiel, Erin Joseph, and Chrissy Domerico scramble around the track in the 'Gruessed Watermelon' race at the pep rally. "I thought it looked like so much fun when I was a freshman that I did it sophomore year," Ali said. "I've been doing it ever since. It's just a good time to let loose and be goofy."



spice of life

Jamming down the halls to "Welcome Back" by Mace, seniors Drew Koessler, Dan Grunewald and Brent Banach, celebrate Brent's return from his Achilles's injury, which put him out for four football games. "It felt so good to be back," Brent said. "And the fact that it was Homecoming made the moment so much more thrilling." Eager to take advantage of the extra 23 minutes, freshmen Nisha Raiker and Pooja Kansal, and junior Stephanie Hoffman leave school at 2:20 on a Thursday afternoon. Hearing something that she wasn't supposed to, Lindsey Pugh, senior, gossips with classmate Lucy Brown, senior, in College Level Business. Rebelling against the senior girls' "Now Move" shirts, seniors Brittany Bohling and Jessie Stelmack lift junior Lauren Lipton, away, while she sports her "Move This" sweatpants.

a little bit louder now **people** a little bit louder now a little bit louder now a little bit louder now a little bit louder now a little bit louder now a little bit louder now



in perfect **harmony**

Ready to walk out to her car, senior Branka Romic and sister Stana, junior, cross through the Commons at the end of school. "We get along really well," Branka said. "We're only 18 months apart, so we have a lot in common and understand each other." Checking the South Shore train schedule, sophomores Katie Stout and Brittany Medved make plans to go to Chicago with 10 other friends for Fall Break. "The best part about vacation was being able to hang out with friends because you never knew what was going to happen," Katie said. Focused on his digital camera, seniors Steve Ziemba and Brittany Bohling review pictures from Homecoming court.



count them in

41%

have one sibling

33%

have two siblings

25%

have a sweetheart

341 students surveyed
March 10

class act

Their eyes fixed on the race at hand, seniors Mitzy Smiljic, Ashley Dudzik, Ashley Brian and Jessica Brakulis wait to see which class comes out on top in the pie eating contest at the Oct. 8 Homecoming pep rally. "The pep session was in the gym again," Jessica said. "But when we started to get into it, we forgot that it was raining outside, and we got pumped for the game that night."

deck the halls

Carefully taping the bottom of the streamers, Rachel Eldert, sophomore, adorns her "little sister's" locker to get ready for Pom's visit to State. "Decorating the lockers got our spirits up for State," Rachel said. "It got us excited for the competition."



on their own

Studying his flight manual, Steve Ziemba, senior, adjusts the dials to the right settings, part of his training to become a pilot. Paint brush in hand, Taryn Lotak, senior, puts the final touches on her painting in AP Studio Art. Taryn plans on majoring in art at college. After a long day of campaigning for Student Body President, Tamiko Toyama, junior, takes a break in AP U.S. History. Tamiko made personalized t-shirts with her running mate Jeff Mariner, junior, as part of their winning campaign. "It was an extremely stressful week between the campaign, the research paper and so many tests," Tamiko said. "But all the work paid off. It was hard to get through, but it was worth it in the end."



Alpi Menchiaca, senior

fashion or passion

Do you wear the Livestrong and other rubber band bracelets because you believe in the cause or because of the fashion?

"Our whole soccer team got black ones because Coach Prasopoulos' dad passed away over the summer. He and his wife and the whole team wore them in remembrance."

Jon Funston, senior

"I don't even know what the purpose is. I wear it for the fad."

Max Tratar, freshman

"I wear my Livestrong bracelet now because I support it. My grandma had cancer. I've worn it since I got it in June and then they got popular, but it's not like I started a trend or anything. I still wear it for the cause."

Maureen Modesto, sophomore

show time

Flutes in position for their halftime show, freshman Kelly Rausch, juniors Anna Millies and Deana Miskimins and senior Kelly Simmons march on to the field. "We played 'Heart, Mind and Soul' during our halftime performances," Anna said.



Marching to their own drummer

Discovering their identities through outbursts, family and friends, students searched for their ultimate comfort zones in specialized interests. From the garage band member who turned his amp up to maximum volume everyday after school, to the techie who spent five hours on his laptop and two more hours playing *World of Warcraft*, to the scrap booker who paid \$60 for stickers alone at Hobby Lobby, interests crossed the spectrum as teens found their niche.

"They see what I see..."

From the moment Erica Ranade, senior, opened the script book to *Play It Again, Sam* and studied the world Woody Allen created, she began to paint Woody's vision with her own. Costume, props and people popped into her head, a rapid realization of how her first solo-directed performance would look.

"In directing, I like being able to focus on the things I want to stand out to people—so they see what I see," Erica said. "To imagine something in your mind and finally realize it in reality is the best feeling ever."

"When the audience laughed for the first time [on opening night, Sept. 30], I realized I seriously wanted to be involved with directing beyond high school, in my future and the rest of my life," she said. These plans led her to the University of Michigan to study casting directing.

"You have to help..."

Four months of training in medical safety prepared Shobha Pai, junior, to walk into Heartsfield Village on Christmas night. As a patient volunteer, she visited the elderly as a friend when their family couldn't be there.

"I realized how few family members would be there for them, so I made up my mind to have my first visit with the patients

on Christmas night," she said.

"The first thing I did, and I'll always remember it, was feed my first patient her dinner," Shobha said. "I made her day through such a simple act."

"I've been blessed with a wonderful life," she said. "You have to help people to be as comfortable as they can be. You can fill their lives so much."

"Dancing for me is like breathing..."

To the beat of the music, Lisa Sobilo, junior, swayed her hips and spun on her heels on the concrete floor of the art room. Paint brush in hand and focused on her work, the dance came secondary to her art—she just couldn't help herself.

"We always listened to music in all my art classes, and it made me want to dance," Lisa said. "Dancing for me is like breathing. When I don't get to do it, I can feel it. Something's just not right."

Dancing ballet since age 7, Lisa has performed in more places than the art room—in the Nutcracker, Peter Pan, The Wizard of Oz and plenty of recitals.

"When I dance, I'm totally myself," she said. "I don't have any walls, or barriers or fronts. It's a way to express myself that's so important to me."



“We practiced for Battle of the Bands so we would do well, but I think we ended up getting last. I liked practicing my guitar though.”

Jarred Koessler,
sophomore



close at hand
Surrounded by sophomores Lauren Lomeli and Mike Konopasek and senior Scott Vandersteen, Ali McKenna, freshman, grabs the hands of her classmates as part of a communication game in Advanced Speech class. "I'm always listening to punk music and I dress how I want to," Ali said. "Even though I wasn't wearing a Homecoming shirt like everyone else was that day, we still all got along and had fun playing the game."

a slice of work

Seven hours a day, 5 days a week. 185 days a year, for 56 weeks. You spent **1,295 hours** in school, counting the 15 minutes in study hall rushing to finish afternoon homework, but not the 2-hour practice for a 58 second sprint for Track.

■ Summer practice in the 80 degree heat and rain to ultimately find yourself sidelined with an injury left you **wishing for more time** on the field—Prince Kwatang, senior, found his wish granted when Northwestern University gave him a scholarship to play football despite his season on the sidelines.

■ With a yearning to perfect her strategy, Suchita Rastogi, freshman, laid her pencil down with new knowledge and wisdom, after her **fourth practice** go at the SATs.

■ Trying to grasp the new concepts of stoichiometry and gas laws in Mr. Don Ullman's chemistry class, Abigail Purcell, sophomore, **raised her hand** with vigor for the fifth time in class.

You exerted gallons of elbow grease to keep the flames burning of your appetite for success . And in the end your rewards were **paid in full**.

more than meets the eye

During her third hour Microbiology class, Ashley Boyan, junior, inspects the contents of her petri dish with lab partner Megan Guthrie, junior. "We did an experiment with three separate petri dishes," Ashley said. "I coughed in one, rubbed my hand in one and left one open to the air. Two days later, we checked how much bacteria grew."



striking a balance

For the fall musical *Working*, Eric Zyglowicz, junior, measures out the dimensions of six-ft tall letters for the set's backdrop. Watching Dr. Timothy Bartlett direct the Concert Choir, Heather Stock, senior, warms up at the beginning of class. "Sing Lagato" is our warm up

exercise that teaches us things like the difference in major and minor thirds and octave leaps, all the basics of choir," Heather said. Spotting fellow class member Justin Smith, senior, focuses on keeping Sean Leto, senior, safe. "I like to lift and workout," Justin said. "It's a nice class to get away from the rest of the school and relieve some stress."



Their own tune

While teaching the class about a famous deaf person, Sarah Lizska and Pat Thomas, seniors, dressed up and ballroom danced to mimic Francis Wood Scott in American Sign Language. "We had a lot of fun with our project," Sarah said. "It was a fun way to spice up a report."



Double jeopardy

In AP US History, Saba Ahmed, junior, prepares to answer a question in Jeopardy for extra credit. "We would all look forward to playing Jeopardy because it wasn't another day of copying notes," Saba said. "But when it got to test day, I realized that the review questions from the game had really helped me study."



Plane and simple

On the plane ride home from the National Journalism Convention in Atlanta, GA, Jessica Pleitner, senior, works on her Trigonometry homework. "I had enough time on the plane to do all the homework I missed from being in Atlanta for five days," Jessica said. "It was so much better than doing it at home."

Taking stock

For Mr. Don Fortner's Economics class, seniors Prince Kwateng and Joe Dwars participate in the Indiana Stock Market Simulation. "It was something to look forward to on Fridays," Joe said. "It was better then looking in a text book or taking notes all hour."



Beyond the Spin

not everyone's an
automatic brainiac

CGetting her AP Psychology quiz back with a less than perfect score, Lucy Brown, senior, quickly flipped over the page to hide it from the prying eyes of her peers. From what she heard and saw, her score hit way below the average.

"I wasn't like everyone in the AP classes," Lucy said. "For senior year, my parents wanted me to try out some higher level stuff. It wasn't too bad, but it was definitely a challenge."

Despite some less than desirable results, Lucy's jump from the world of regular to Honors classes proved that not everyone was an automatic brainiac.

"I would always try to get my reading done for AP Psych and AP Econ, but it was senior year," Lucy said. "I got a really bad attack of senioritis and didn't give as much attention to school as I had in the years before."

Lucy's senior year slump didn't shine through in all parts of the school. Ravi Shah, sophomore, worked often with his National Honor Society Tutor Aditya Shah, se-

nior, to make sure his Chemistry homework was just right.

"We really worked on reviewing stuff before a big test," Ravi said. "I understood the little things, but I needed someone to go over it all with me. Sometimes it was just dumb stuff."

His tutor disagreed—"No, we went over smart stuff," Aditya said.

While most students wanted to get the grade, others wanted the knowledge. Ajay Patwari, junior, took AP Art History for the experience, not the AP credit.

"I've been to places around the world and seen a lot of the paintings," Ajay said. "I wanted to know what they were about. It wasn't all about moving up in class rank. Though that helped me, it wasn't my ultimate goal."

Ajay's studies paid off in a class that he really liked—just like Lucy's efforts in AP Psychology.

"Sometimes I didn't read, but when I did I really liked what I was learning," she said. "I was happy that I forced myself to stay in the class."

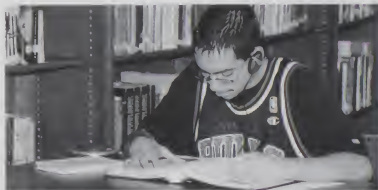
Beyond the Numbers

221
students took
AP classes

250
students took
Honors classes

946
students took
regular classes

24
seniors who
qualified for
National Merit
Commended and
Semi-Finalist



Word search

Studying her Spanish-English dictionary, Anne McShane, senior, finishes her Spanish 5 worksheet in time for class. "Working in Spanish challenged me to think in new ways because it's so different," she said.

Hit the right note

Headphones blaring, Alonzo Arellano, junior, reads his English in the library. "Music helped me focus myself when I needed to get something done," he said. "Without it, I can't concentrate on my work."

Chalk full of Options

different learning styles
defined each student

The clock struck 2 a.m. in the Rak household. Puffy bags circled senior Anna Rak's blood-shot eyes frantically scanning the page in a last-ditch attempt to cram before an AP Government exam. A few desperate thoughts came to Anna's mind: "Am I going to remember this when morning comes? Am I actually learning anything?" and then shortly followed by "Am I going mad?"

From the time a student walked in as a freshman to the time he skipped out as a senior, each person developed his own technique of learning.

Everyone had their own method of getting the work done or studying for that midterm; if students had a say in the curriculum's structure, they would have their own preferences on how the material should be taught.

"Daily quizzes really worked for me," Anna said. "You always knew what you had to do. You couldn't procrastinate, and it split up the workload so you weren't reading 30

pages a night. Plus, you'd review the subject daily, so when the test rolled around, you were already familiar with the material."

Group or class discussions fostered an easy learning environment, not only teaching valuable communication skills, but how to support beliefs or views with evidence, according to Megan Guthrie, junior.

"I don't like notes. I'm more of a discussion person," Megan said. "That's how I feel I learn the most. The discussions draw you in, make you participate, and you learned inadvertently."

Unique, fun, yet pertinent demonstrations aided in sticking key ideas into the minds of students, according to Illisa Gershman, junior.

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Beneficial or Busy?

While most kids moan and groan at worksheets, busy work has a purpose.

Pros

- Preparation for tests
- Extra practice
- Allows time to socialize

Cons

- Takes up a lot of class time
- Frustrating
- Kids can copy and cheat

Oedipus complex

Acting out a scene from *Oedipus Rex* for World Literature class, Murad Omery and Eric Zarowny, seniors, use homemade masks. "By using the unstoppable combination of Milton from *Office Space* and Mr. [Steve] Wroblewski [math teacher], we thought our presentation would be more interesting," Eric said.

Chalk it up

Outside on a sunny day, Lyndsay Langbehn and Kevin Hoffman, seniors, enjoy the weather while completing an AP Economics assignment. "We used sidewalk chalk to draw supply and demand curves on a large scale," Lyndsay said. "We would do them in class, but it was different outside."



Cross eyed

While skimming her textbook, junior Amanda Seligman searches for the answers to her U.S. History crossword puzzle. "The information was really hard to find," Amanda said. Mr. Hal Coppage allowed his students to use their textbooks, classmates and information packets to help make the assignment easier.



Grade A

A smile on her face, Leah Alberson, junior, explains the fabric she used for her extra credit *Scarlet Letter* project. "I worked for hours to make the entire costume and everybody loved it," Leah said.



Caught in the act

Over the sounds of cars passing by, Tom Ramus, junior, gives his demonstration speech on how to catch a football to Mrs. Mary Yorke's speech class. "Mrs. Yorke's class was interesting," Tom said. "I'd always get myself into predicaments when I'd always have to improvise."



Buddy system

Before finding the next term in her U.S. history book, Allison Meggers, junior, pauses to answer junior Kim Hawkin's question about the assignment. "It was hard to find the terms in our textbooks, but we all helped each other," Allison said. "We had a list, but we needed more than that."



Though the looking glass

Studying a flower petal for AP Biology, Joey Zagorski, junior, gently turns the focus knob of his microscope to see his specimen more clearly. "We used a scalpel and tweezers to cut the flower into sections," Joey said. "Then we used a microscope to help learn about their reproductive process."

Kids in the hall

With teacher Miss Michelle De St. Jean directing them, Sociology students participate in an experiment, with seniors Phil Shapiro and Britany Bolhing at the front. "We'd always do mock experiments in the class," Phil said. "It took what we learned about and made it real."

Perfect score

To prepare for the SAT test, Sara Brown, junior, listens intently to absorb the different strategies her prep class teacher Miss Jenny Bulla explained to her class. "I wanted to take this class so I could get a good score and hopefully get into a good college on the East Coast," Sara said.



Team up

Censoring the *Chicago Tribune* as part of an assignment for Journalism 1, sophomores Natalie Moya and Jessica Beezhold decide how they would rule an imaginary dictatorship. "It was harder than I thought it'd be," Jessica said. "You have to keep so much information out of the newspaper if you want to control the people."





Chalk full of Options

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"When Mr. Kalwasinski took us into the men's bathroom for a demonstration, we all wondered what in the world this trip had to do with psychology," Ilissa said. "He then proceeded to show us how a urinal mimicked the path of a firing neuron. That was one lesson we'll never forget."

According to Natasha Kanak, freshman, another technique for educational development was hands-on-learning.

"When a teacher tells you to read

something, I don't always get it," Natasha said. "Like in gym, when Ms. Malinski explained the game of handball to us, none of us really understood until we actually tried it out."

Whether students cram the night before, read the book, take class notes, or study flashcards for an upcoming test, pop quiz, or just to stay on top of their ever-growing piles of work, individuals developed learning styles that worked best for them.

"Both We The People and AP Composition were about self-exploration and self-teaching, so I was able to pick what I wanted to learn," Anne McShane, senior, said. "It really encouraged us to think outside the box."

Keep it steady

At part of his printing technology classes at Hammond Career Center, Pat Los, senior, oils parts of a machine. "I really liked working with my hands," Pat said. "Being at Career Center was so much nicer than being cramped in a classroom. I learned so much more."



Get the picture

While reading her children's story to fourth graders at Frank H. Hammond Elementary school, Emily Diekmann, senior, explains her illustrations. "Creative Writing forced me to stretch my abilities, so it was really nice to get to share my story with the elementary kids," Emily said.

Breaking new ground

On the floor of his AP Psychology classroom, Kevin Hoffman, senior and juniors Stefanie Krasic and Jett Marinier participate in a reaction time experiment. "We had to squeeze each other's ankles for the assignment," Kevin said. "It was interesting to see when people responded."



on the lookout

With seniors Lea Kilbarda and Gordana Radmilovic, Suman Rao explains bacterial growth in Microbiology. "Suman tried to explain what's going on," Lea said. "It'd be hard because we'd be so confused."

food for thought

Using his new skills Brandon Chynoweth, junior, pours guacamole for a party at his house. "I used skills from Project Bio in all parts of my life, like while camping I learned how to cook," Brandon said.



get into the act

Interacting with partner Scott Goodwin, junior, Kim Dwoley, junior, reads a scene from *Catcher in the Rye* in front of her English class. "We choose a scene that demonstrated our characters the best," Kim said.



turn the table

Hands forming a pot for Ceramics 2, Lizzie Browder, sophomore, works on the wheel. "I'd always come in before and after school to work on my skills," Lizzie said.

drop by drop

Eyes focused on her work, Justine Van Dyke, sophomore, mixes chemicals in for a chemistry lab. "I didn't like the class part of chemistry, but I'd have fun in the labs," she said.



Mind over Matter

right vs. left brain
fight for domination

Carefully layering acrylic paint onto canvas, Taryn Lotak, senior, works on what will become her newest masterpiece. Down the hall, Chris Ondo, senior, diligently computes the answer to a difficult Academic Super Bowl question.

Both students used their brains differently to excel. The left brain controls logic, rational thought and analytical thinking, while the right brain controls creativity, intuition and conceptual ideas.

"I like to look at the world analytically," Chris said. "I find the best way to go about life is to break the world down into pieces."

Using the other half of the brain, Amanda Kilbarda, junior, enjoyed Mrs. Renee Kouris' English class because she exercised her artistic side.

"It was fun to come up with creative ways of presenting," Amanda said. "When we read Macbeth, it was hard to follow, but when we acted the play out in Kabuki Theater style, we were able to understand it a lot better."

child's play

Lyrics on the overhead, Mr. Marc Lehnner, English teacher, holds up *Rock Steady* by Sting while the song plays. "The book took a story that everyone knew and putting a new spin on it," he said.

Fun Brain Games

While sitting at a desk, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles. While doing this, draw the number six in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will change direction.

Right brain action is also shared by Molly White, freshman, who enjoyed Mrs. Linda Lemon's English class because she was "more of a writing and artsy person." Molly found Geometry to be more difficult because "math was something I'd never done well at."

Teachers made a difference, as Danny Alexander, freshman, found.

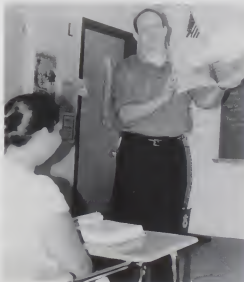
"Mr. [Steve] Lopez made Ancient World History interesting. He brought the past 2000 years straight to the classroom," Danny said.

Some students used a blend of the two halves to combine concrete facts and creative fancy. Lauren Hudak, sophomore, used her creative side in French class, using imaginative comparisons to link English and French words. Things were harder in more analytical classes.

"Math came to me like grammar; I liked them because I did them one way or the other. I didn't have to think much. It's definitive," Lauren said.

draw the line

Paper illuminated, Kaylin Kish, sophomore, draws from a wooden model. "Art was a time to relax and have fun," Kaylin said. "I was really in my element."



Lay down the law

In Mr. Mike Gordon's government class, Sara Pappas, senior, participates in a Congress simulation as part of the Domestic Policy Committee. "It was interesting to hear other people's opinions," Sara said. "We got to debate some hot issues."

Have a ball

Attempting to steal the ball from an opposing teammate, Carly Gibbs, freshman, tries to score during a floor hockey game in gym class. "Our team was really good," Carly said. "We finished undefeated."



Rest assured

Sleeping in the auditorium, Kory Aktay, junior, waits for his team to compete during the Academic Super Bowl competition. "I should have been studying like everyone else," Kory said.



All she wrote

During a class activity in Journalism I, Katie Taylor, sophomore, acts as a dictator by censoring the *Chicago Tribune*. "I wouldn't make a very good dictator. I couldn't control people's lives that much," Katie said.

Stick em' up

In need of help on his worksheet, Steve Alspach, junior, waits to be called on in his 4th hour Pre-Calculus class. "If I ever needed help in class, I could always ask my teacher or a classmate," Steve said.



Checks and Balances

mental marathon never ends

From the first freshman speech assignment to the last senior composition, the road to graduation seemed long and winding. Students tried to maintain a level of normalcy while schoolwork heaved their load.

It seemed as if work would never end, according to Nick Fisher, sophomore. Staying on top of it all was a task few could master.

"Managing time between sports practices, school and my social life was tough to do," Nick said.

With so much to do and so little time, some students' academic obligations took a back seat.

"My friends and I stopped whatever we were doing when 'The O.C.' was on," Kristen Szafasz, senior, said.

Besides breaking to watch their favorite TV shows, students worked towards the weekend, according to Nick Stolarz, junior.

"I tried to keep the weekend in sight as motivation," Nick said. "I needed goals or breaks in the action to keep sane.

Mondays were horrible, but we'd look back on what we did over the weekend."

For some, Monday meant catching up and staying on top of the weekend's happenings.

"I liked to talk with my friends about all the gossip of the weekend on Monday," Meghan Guthrie, junior, said. "It was always 'Who did this?' or 'Where'd you go?' We kept ourselves entertained."

Staying alert on Friday while juggling plans and assignments was difficult for Jared Flahaven, senior.

"Fridays were tough for me. My body was still trapped in school, but my mind was on weekend time," Jared said. "In the end, school was about learning to balance obligations and free time."

Every minute counts

With a calculator at his side, Casey Jedrzejczak, junior, works on math homework for Mrs. Jackie Podkul's Algebra 2 class. "I was just doing my homework," Casey said. "I would work on it whenever I had free time in class."

Time for Television

"Tuesdays and Wednesdays homework didn't matter. My nights were devoted to *American Idol*. I'd do my homework in classes the next day."

-Anna Millies, junior

"The O.C. was a must. My homework could wait until after the show, so I usually didn't start on it until after 9 p.m. I'd even call off work so I wouldn't miss it."

-Mike Harker, junior



Learning the Lesson

excess homework challenged students at home and school

Laying her pen down after her third practice AP Calculus test of the night, Suman Rao, senior, let out a sigh of relief, only to be reminded of the hours of homework lying ahead.

"On average, I spent three hours a night doing homework," Suman said. "It's half an hour to an hour for each subject, but it all depends on the day."

Students who found themselves bogged down with hours of work often developed habits to help them get it done.

"I started with my easiest homework first," Punam Tiwana, freshman, said. "I got into my 'homework mode' and if I didn't finish, I'd leave my last period work so I could do it during the day."

Other students chose a different route. Instead of homework, they finished all their work during the school day or in study hall.

"I tried to finish all my homework during the day," Allyce Carlson, junior, said. "Whatever isn't done by then

extra mile

To earn extra credit, Tiffany Barth, junior, presents her drawing from *The Scarlet Letter* in Mrs. Renee Kouris' English class. "I didn't mind that she sat in the back of the room and asked a million questions," Tiffany said. "I needed the extra credit!"

only took me 15 to 20 minutes at home, unless I had a project to do."

Group projects were another issue facing students.

"Projects took a long time, usually a couple of hours," Meghan Guthrie, junior, said. "I liked projects the best, though, because I got to hang out with friends while working."

Although students spent many hours doing homework, teachers such as Mrs. Mary Yorke, AP Composition and Speech teacher, often felt justified in the assignments.

"It was tough to say how much homework I assigned because sometimes I didn't assign any," Mrs. Yorke said. "When I assigned themes every so often the kids waited until the night before they were due and ended up writing for four to five hours."

Without a project to do with friends, Suman focused on her next task and looked forward to her upcoming hour and a half of homework before bed.

lost in thought

Deep in thought, Nicole Enright, senior, finishes her homework. "I finished my 12-page final composition," Nicole said. "We had time to do whatever we wanted. I tried to do as much as I could at school."

Homework that's Fun

That's my Bag:
AP Psychology

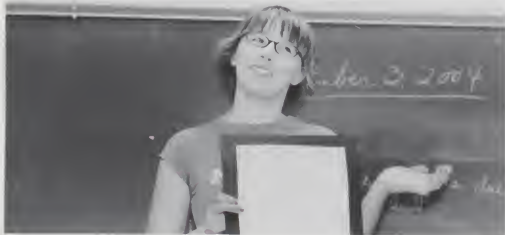
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eye to eye

During a presentation of his mask, Thomas Paliga, junior, looks for another trait to talk about in Mr. Matt Kalwasinski's AP Psychology class. "Mr K. wanted us to make masks that represented our personalities to show the class," Thomas said.

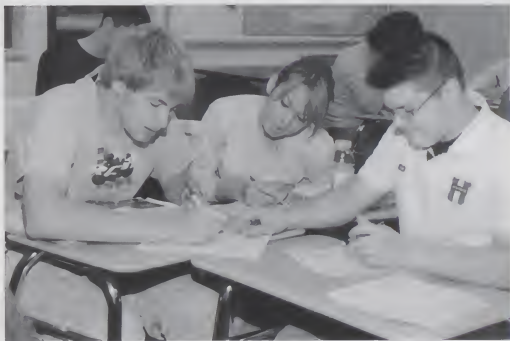


bag of tricks

In AP Psychology class, Alyssa Tremaine, junior, gives her "That's my bag" presentation. The students had to put items into a bag that related to their lives and futures. "It was a fun assignment," said Alyssa, "I learned things about my classmates that I never knew."

get the last word

Doing a crossword puzzle test, Andy Stevens, junior, works with his partners Angela Osterman and Mark Sajj, juniors, in Mr. Hal Coppage's US History class. "The crossword puzzles were impossible to do," Andy said. "Just like the class."



across the board

Homework in hand, Jeff Marinter, junior, graphs a hyperbola in Mrs. Kristine Mendoza's Pre-Calculus class along with his other classmates. "Our teacher made us write problems on the board from our homework," Jeff said. "We would check to see if it was right."

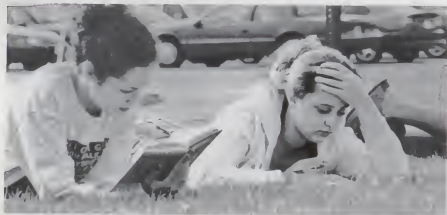
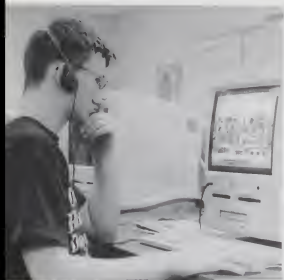
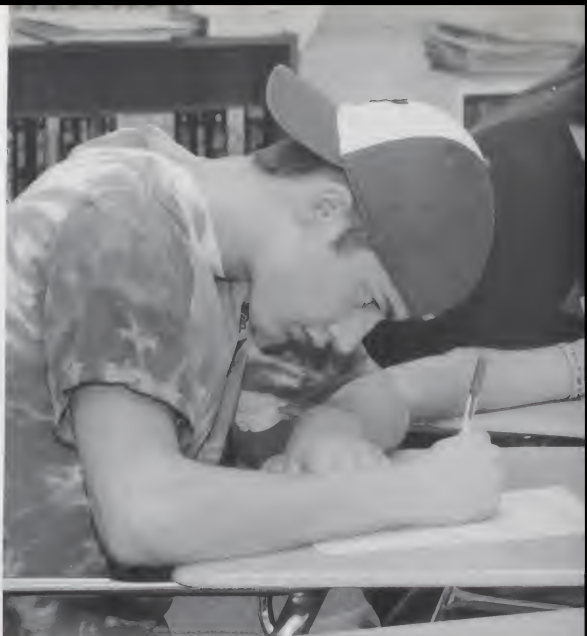


focus point

Hovered over their World Literature tests, Brennan Drosos and Kelly Fray, seniors, try to focus on their exams during the Friday of Homecoming. "It was really hard to concentrate that day because I was so excited for the game that night," Kelly said.

foreign connection

Hard at work, Mike Hluska, freshman, worked in the computer lab. "We took tests on the computers in Spanish," Mike said. "It was different from writing things out, and it was better than just listening to a CD."



bookworms

Taking advantage of the nice weather, juniors Katie Lissy and Abby Homans catch up on reading during Mrs. Renee Kouris' class. "Reading outside was relaxing," Abby said. "It was a nice day so we decided to take advantage of the weather."

SummerBummer

Unlike any other hot summer day, Blake Platt, freshman, walked up to the school front doors. He entered the frigid, air conditioned halls alone but with confidence, that is until he saw the sign, "Summer Reading Test."

He froze realizing the book he had just finished and in moments would be tested on would count for 25% of his first six weeks English grade.

"I was so certain that I knew everything about that book," Blake said. "That was, of course, until I

realized it meant so much to my grade."

The typical freshman fear about summer reading tests fades as years go by. By senior year, many seniors neglect to pick up a book off the list, according to Lauren Davis, senior.

"It's not like I hate reading or anything," Lauren said. "I just don't enjoy the books they picked out for me. I like to read for my enjoyment over the summer since I am forced to read my teachers' books during the school year."



Put to the Test

exams tested students' patience and skills

Eyes droopy, desk covered with cliff notes, Tyler Drabenstot, freshman, tried to force himself to stay awake so he could finish cramming for his English test. The clock ticked on, but he knew he had to do well on the next test or his grade would really plummet. He poured another cup of coffee and cracked open the book, only to fall asleep on the first page.

Tyler was just one student plagued by tests' decisive nature. In many classes, tests could make or break the grade.

"The only thing you could do was study," Maya Gendlin, junior, said. "If you prepared, you'd do well and you wouldn't be stressed out. I put in about an hour of studying every night and that usually did the trick for me."

That's easier said than done, however, according to Felipe Hernandez, freshman.

"I don't like cramming, it's too stressful," Felipe said. "I paid attention in class and if I don't know it by test day, too bad. Most of my classes were easy enough that it worked."

It wasn't hard to keep this rigorous routine the first couple of times, Maureen Mostedo, sophomore, said.

"The week before, I'd gradually start preparing. As it got

closer I prepared more. I tried to avoid cramming," Maureen said. "But that's all in a semester's work."

As students got more and more of the tests under their belt, most just looked to survive. "I usually tried to figure out which finals were going to affect my grades the most," Andrew Bilse, junior, said. "And then I'd go from there."

Some were more conscious of their growing dismissal of tests. "I should've studied more," Marc Wilson, senior, said. "When I was a freshman, I was really good about studying. This year I put it off. I crammed more than I should have."

Confessions like this were common among the upperclassmen. Whether or not regrets were forged, students came away as the tests took their toll.

half baked

Carefully protecting his hand, Jeff Galk, senior, pulls his food from the oven. "The best part of Foods were labs," Jeff said. "Our food usually came out pretty good, but sometimes we'd burn it."

One more Irritation

- Pen clicking
- Sniffing
- Shaking
- Nature calling
- Coughing
- Freezing rooms
- Feet kicking the desk
- Talking

last shot

Lens in hand, Liz Van Wieren, senior, prepares for her final project in Photography. "This type of final was more fun," Liz said. "You're not just filling in bubbles. But you're under a lot of pressure. You had to use time efficiently to get everything in on time."

soft landing

Delicately handling his egg drop container, Paul Bainbridge, sophomore, checks his contraption one last time. "We tried to create an egg container to simulate a lunar landing," Paul said. "It's supposed to protect the egg from the dangers of hard landings."

chemical reaction

While gently placing a chemical into a flame, Jason Trgovich, sophomore, and Brent Tomaczak, junior, study the different colors it produces for Earth and Space Science. "We had to use a spectrometer to see what colors burn at which wave lengths," Jason said.



Making it Real

students find learning
beyond the books

Sitting in Mr. Steve Wroblewski's Geometry class, Tammy Lee, sophomore, stared at the clock and counted down the minutes until the bell rang. A review for her final sat on her desk, only halfway finished. She sighed, wondering when all the numbers would add up.

"Right now, geometry has not played a significant role in my life. But I know that I'll need it for more advanced math classes," Tammy said. "I may go into math-related fields like engineering."

Other students felt a more direct impact from their classes. According to

Katie Harvey, senior, classes helped in daily life.

"In AP Psychology, we learned about schemas, which are mental representations that we have of the world around us," Katie said. "We learned that our schemas of other people are heavily influenced by first impressions and that it's hard to change perceptions once we have categorized them in our minds. Ever since I learned the way we perceive people, I've been careful not to form hasty judgments about others."

In addition to AP Psychology, other classes stand out

in students' minds. According to Manini Gupta, senior, students drew practical lessons from *We the People*.

"From *We the People*, I learned so much about government. A lot of people say that the government is bad and that we'd be better off without it," Manini said. "But after taking this class, I realized how much the government affects our everyday lives and how crucial it is to the functioning of our country. Those who say that the government is out to get us are ignorant of what it actually does."

Foreign language classes played a direct role in students' lives. According to Gordana Radmilovic, senior, Spanish came into use in the most unusual places.

"One time I was observing a trial in a courtroom, and the witness could only speak Spanish, so he needed an English translator," Gordana said. "I listened to the witness speak, it was interesting to note the subtle connotations that the translator would add to what he was actually saying in Spanish."

On the Job

Career Day May 4 gave students a look into 67 types of jobs hosted by 89 speakers.

"I picked classes dealing with music. I enjoyed the Music Therapy session because it's something I might want to do."

-Bridget Parker, sophomore

"I enjoyed the overall experience. The Hotel Restaurant management session made me realize that's not something I want to do for a living."

-Allison Pilawski, junior

Par for course

At Schererville Golf, peer tutor Michelle Becka, senior, takes turns with Westlake student Brienne Bizon. "They wanted to do something outside, so we took them mini-golfing," Michelle said.

Blind taste

As Mr. Matt Kalwasinski, Psychology teacher, places food in her hand, Gina Stoffregen, junior, lets out a nervous giggle. "I shouldn't have volunteered," Gina said. "I had the raw onion taste in my mouth all day."



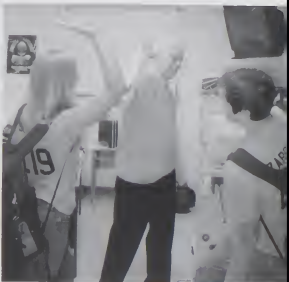


Real deal

While checking her financial status at the Reality Store, Jessica Korda, freshman, gets a taste of adult life. "I learned how to spend my money wisely," Jessica said. "I tried to save as much as I could because the more expensive things were nicer."

High on life

With a high five from Mr. Jeff Graves, chemistry teacher, seniors Kathryn Slaboski, Steve Ziembra and Eric Zarowny celebrate their personalized t-shirts. "Our class was so unified this year, we wanted to show it," Kathryn said. "T-shirts with a quote from Mr. Graves were the best way."



Career choice

Studying information packets from Indiana University, juniors Elyse Holloway and Roli Mandhana consider their options at the school's second biannual Career Fair. More than 50 vendors came to the Field-house to share advice about careers.



See saw

Carefully guiding a board through the saw, Alex Sakelaris, junior, watches to make sure he cuts the board straight. "I want to be a construction worker when I grow up," Alex said. "I like working with my hands."

For crying out loud

Surprised by the baby doll's outburst in the middle of class, Bethan Sylvester, senior, reacts to the noise. "We learned how to care for real children by taking the baby doll everywhere and caring for it," Bethan said.

SELF SERVE

Fundraisers make more than money

Battle of the Bands

Front row and center in the auditorium, Brittany Bohling, senior, took notes at tryouts to decide who will compete at Battle of the Bands.

"We wrote comments about the audition to choose the best bands to compete," Brittany said.

For the Student Government's annual event for Riley's Children Hospital, while quality of the performers was important, the children played more of a role, according to Brittany.

"Our biggest organization that we donated to was Riley's and all the money we raised went to them," she said. "With the \$5 ticket prices and a lot of kids

wanting to see their friends on stage, we made a lot of money, the most we raised for the hospital all year. It was nice to know we helped by doing something that so many people had fun with."

Foreign Foods

Behind an array of baked goods, Kory Aklay, junior, sat in the corner of the cafeteria waiting for hungry students to come to him. As part of his duties as French Club officers, Kory put in his part to sell desserts for Foreign Language Week, a collaboration of all the foreign language clubs to raise money.

"I'm going to France this summer as part of the Indiana University Honors Program," Kory said. "The clubs wanted to give to all of us, including those going to Spain and Germany, but they didn't have that much money."

So the bake sale came into play. "I made some brownies. Not exactly French, but people seemed to like them," he said. "I wanted to do something to deserve the money I was getting. It was a pretty sweet deal too, literally and figuratively."

Taking a quarter for one of his brownies, Kory said a little "Merci" as visions of Paris danced in his head.

Pennies for Patients

Shaking the coffee tin full of change, Jessica Beezhold, sophomore, added the container to her cart for Pennies for Patients.

As Project X treasurer, she collected the many tins from each classroom. Eventually, all the jingling change from classes across the school added up to \$2,000 to help leukemia and lymphoma patients.

"We looked into doing Pennies for Patients as one of our club goals," Jessica said. "For our other fundraisers, organizations would come to us. The Humane Society asked for news-papers to line their cages and we went around the school and collected them. They eventually asked us to stop because they were getting too much."

Between the \$1,000 raised for March of Dimes and \$700 for Haven House, Project X put on 10 bake sales over the year as well.

"Most people didn't realize there were so many though because we'd advertise the cause, not the club," Jessica said.

Bowl-a-thon

Filling half of Stardust Bowl in Dyer with his fellow DECA members, Chris Maloney, senior, aimed for a strike. He missed by a longshot, but at least it was for a good cause. Chris helped with the annual Bowl-a-thon for Muscular Dystrophy.

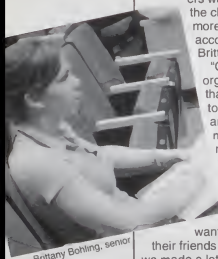
"Each member had a raise a \$40 minimum to bowl," he said. "We walked house to house asking people for donations, either a straight donation or by the pin."

Bowling with Todd Loden, senior, Chris' round eventually turned into money for the National Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

"The representations from the foundation came and handed out door prizes," Chris said. "But that's not what it was about. It was bowling for a good cause, but it also just a nice round with friends."

Todd put in his two cents as well.

"I've been in DECA for the past three years and the Bowl-a-thon is always my favorite," he said. "It's so fun and it does so much."



Brittany Bohling, senior



EASY AS PIE

Nailing Mr. Mike Coil, biology teacher, with a whip cream pie, Libby Thompson, junior, takes part in the Homecoming festivities. Student Government raised \$42.83 for Riley Children's Hospital.

TIME IS MONEY

In the hall picking up another can, sophomores Lauren Hudak and Katie Stout collect Pennies for Patients fundraisers for Project X. "We raised money for leukemia patients," Lauren said. "We made \$2,000."





SWEEET TREAT

Before the Homecoming game, senior Cristina Benevente, Speech Team member, works the dessert counter at the 36th annual Chicken Barbeque Dinner. "I kept the food stocked on the table, so people would stop by and buy some for the team," Cristina said. The fundraiser helped pay entry fees and overnight expenses for their competition season that ended in Philadelphia with the National Speech and Debate tournament.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

In Mr. John Edgington's Biology class, Jackie Kovach, freshman, receives a dozen flowers for Sweetest Day from her boyfriend. "Everyone was laughing," Jackie said. "It wasn't too embarrassing though. It was sweet."

workers and players from academic team to african drum



Academic Team 1 (front row) Naveen Choubal, Ajay Patwari, David Hernandez, Brian Harris, Anvash Rasia, (second row) Ryan Burke, Steve Balog, David Chen, Andrew Bilse, Philip Chan, (third row) Michael McIntyre, Michael Mashura, Steven Millies, Jeff Chou, Christian Selent, Zak Boswell, (back row) Joe Kasenga, Amy Heaney, James Hennes, Jason Gott, Dan Budilovsky



Academic Team 2 (front row) Sara Pappas, Murad Omery, Mike Graczyk, Denny Lee, Todd Loden (second row) Brandon Chynoweth, Lester Montes, Joe Raycroft, Chris Kennelly, Matt Thompson, Peter Puhenvirta (back row) Jennifer McCreight, Chris Ondo, Tom Grantner, Joel Schneider, Mary Carp, Kristy Anderson



Academic Team 3 (front row) Sarah Chowdhury, Roli Mandhana, Golnoosh Kamali, Tiffany Barth, Elissa Moll (second row) Shobha Pai, Jessica Hilbrich, Rohini Chatterjee, Lauren Hudak, Ariana Rodriguez, Katie Anderson (back row) Heather Phipps, Matthew Lapinski, Desiree Cossyleon, Jessica Beezhold, Elyse Holloway



African Drum and Dance (front row) Emily Clark, Kim Dooley, Alcia Tuuk, Emilee Vandersluis (second row) Molly White, Amanda Kilbarda, Erica Kanade, Elise Miller (third row) Brooke Kozlowski, Na'Lani Ravelo, Danielle Troumoultas, Lauren Tomelli, Paige Popprak, Aubrey Velasquez (back row) Morgan Geberin, Patrick Patky, Scott Vandersteen, Scott Goodwin, Jordan Barnes, Chetan Choubal

workers and players from ASL to band



American Sign Language-1 (front row) Ashley Brown, Lisa Weichman, Brittany Bohling, Ashleigh Barbeau, Jenni Ramirez, Stephanie Perz, Sarah Burnstein (second row) Alyssa DeBold, Amie Johnson, Kristen Szafasz, Julie Feingold, Katie Korem, Laura Campos (third row) Maman Campos, Sarah Steele, Rachel Myszak, Gina Christopher, Lauren Guidotti, Ashley Cook, Illisa Gershman (back row) Rachel Heinrich, Patrick Patsky, Scott Vandersteen, Cara Briggs, Maggie Behrens, Libbie Thompson



Art Club 1 (front row) Beth Zyglowicz, Jimmy Hennes, Rachel Quinones, Jennifer McCreight, Elyse Holloway, Stephanie Handlon (second row) Katie Dolatowski, Sara Galante, Mimi Grodzanich, Cecilia Huang, Milijana Lalic, Ariana Rodriguez (third row) Sarah Grabarczyk, Lindy Sebestie, Julie Zividi, Eric Anderson, Desiree Cossyleon, Cristina Vanko (back row) Lisa Sobilo, Tabitha Strong, Mark Webster, Amy Heaney, Jake Krismanick, Jennifer Peng



Art Club 2 (front row) Sarah Chowdhury, Lovelyn Pastrano, Michelle Philipsborn, Katie Anderson, Aren Farkas, Milena Janevski (second row) Stephanie Scully, Aisha Siddiqui, Onanasan Ghagi, Veronica Lopez, Angela Hehn, Megan Benke (back row) Valerie Alvarez, Joseph Scholtz, Kassia Grosowski, Peter Puthenveetil, Andrea Coulis, Emily Clark



Art Club 3 (front row) Farhah Hossain, Sarah Mihich, Sarah Flick (second row) Marc Manuel, Judith Madlato, Benjamin Leo, Marissa Sylvestre (third row) Kelly Werner, Laura Hennig, Punam Tiwana, Ankur Dedania, Patrick Seymour



Auditorium Staff 1 (front row) Joe Marciniak, Veronica Delgado, Mike Graczyk, Sharon Lee, Jenna Cardiano (second row) Nicole Parra, Neil Doshi, John Mihich, Elizabeth Van Wieren, Kristen Kendall (back row) Jeff Chow, Devin Johnson, Amy Heaney, Ben DeBoer, Emily Bradley, Nicole Cacic



Auditorium Staff 2 (front row) Dulati Dave, Sarah Flick, Melissa Victor, Kurt Popovich (second row) Ashley Kolarik, Donna Sadural, Amanda Graves, Tiffany Barth, Rachel Goscic (back row) Saba Ahmed, Heather Phipps, Jessica Conger, Katie Franklin, Kirstin Bulazik



Band, Jazz 1 (front row) Jonathan Alexander, Doug Boyer, Joe Raycroft, Robert Gorman, Nicole Parra (second row) Heather Loden, Tyler Drabenslot, Tony Markovich, Emily Bradley, Mike Cummins, Bridget Parker (third row) Steven Hus, Steve Balog, John-Michael Melesa, Matt Tepperman, Bryan Lee (back row) Joe Kasenga, Ben DeBoer, Keith Lorenz, John Wadas, Andrew Sharp



From barbecue chicken to baked goodies, sales fund activities

Car Wash

Shirt wet and hands wetter, Heather Loden, sophomore, washed yet another car for the Band Car Wash. To raise money for band expenses, the 136 Marching Band members came together, equipped with rags, hoses and plenty of soap in the school parking lot.

"We needed to have a fundraiser to help out the Band Backers, so that was the easiest way," Heather said. "Even though it was hot and sticky and wet, we all had so much fun. We didn't seem like we were doing something that we had to do for the band."

Puppy Chow

When Andrew Sharp, senior, showed up at D lunch with bags of puppy chow in hand for the Orchestra Bake Sale, he expected to find Orchestra members waiting at a table for him. Instead, he found an empty table.

"I was so surprised," he said. "I thought everyone forgot to sell at lunch except me."

As it turned out, the puppy chow sold out way before Andrew's lunch bell even rang. "It was pretty funny," he said. "I had a few of my bags to sell, so I did. We hadn't accounted for so many people wanting our puppy chow."

Prepared for the next day, Andrew sold more to raise money for Orchestra's new instruments without such a problem.

NHS Bake Sale

Shuffling her papers, Danielle Wilks, senior, put plans in order for the upcoming National Honor Society (NHS) Bake Sale. As president, it was her job to organize the 69 NHS members into baking enough for the sale.

"It was hard to get everyone ready for one single day," Danielle said. "People would be so busy, they didn't know when they could be ready with some dessert and be able to sell at lunch."

Once everything and everyone came together, Danielle and NHS sold enough sweets to give one of the members a scholarship.

"It wasn't really about the money, it was more about helping the club," she said.

Speech Barbeque

Carate of coffee in hand, Elissa Moll, sophomore, walked through the cafeteria on Homecoming. As a two-year veteran of the Speech and Debate Team, Elissa put in her hours at the 36th Annual Chicken Barbeque.

"It was a lot of fun, even though I was just serving coffee," she said. "It was good to see how everyone came together to lower the cost of going to Nationals."

Elissa smiled to help her team. "It felt good to raise the money and represent my school and team well."

SOFT SERVE

Scooping the ice cream, Junior Dani Blair makes sundaes during lunch at a SADD fundraiser. "I helped out because I knew it would raise money for the Prom favors and express awareness," Dani said.

Elena Falloon, sophomore



COLLECTION CONNECTION

Seated in the principal's office for the Dollars for Scholars Phone-a-Thon, Sara Schulte, senior, calls and ask people to donate money to the scholarship fund. "We were trying to get people to donate money for the scholarships," Sara said. "People kept hanging up on us, but we had to be polite to everyone we talked to."

AIR RAID

Before school in the bookstore, Sarah Laymon, senior, inflates balloons for DECA. "We sell the balloons for Homecoming every year," Sarah said. "It's to raise money for competitions."



Band, Jazz 2 (front row) Melissa Victor, Felipe Hernandez, Ben Milbrath, Danny del Real, Marc Campos (middle row) Bridget Parker, Branden Schweitzer, Ryan Slosser, David GoShay, Daniel Boyle, Matt Lemus (back row) Elliot Eismen, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Jason Carr, Dan Umlauf, Joey Zagorski, David Linneer



Band, Marching 1 (front row) Kristen Moran, Laura Hennig, Felipe Hernandez, Stephanie Handlon, Kathryn Wadas, Kristina Stephan (second row) Jenna Candiano, Doug Boyer, Joe Ravcroft, Steven Hus, Ben Milbrath, Marc Campos (third row) Jordan Jancoski, Frank Pukoszok, John Mihich, Kevin Trotman, Mike Cummins, Danny del Real, Heather Loden (back row) Matt Tepperman, Joe Kasenga, Jason Carr, Joey Zagorski, Ryan Slosser, Daniel Boyle



Band, Marching 2 (front row) Neerja Prasad, Nicole Ilmott, Abby Farkas, Anusha Rastogi, Bridget Parker (second row) Mitch Bruhn, Andrew Webb, Tori Soka, Kelly Frank, Brian Schmidt, Nishi Shienksy (third row) Tony Markovich, Matt Coduti, Michael Curran, Nicole Cacich, Jason Pastrana (back row) Eric LaMagdeleine, Spelios Bacoyanis, Devin Johnson, David Zagorski, Eric Wallace, David GoShay

LISTEN UP

Clubs make a difference in the community

Spring Clean Up

Removing garbage from the school grounds, Ryan Gott, sophomore, participated in Spring Clean Up for Project X.

"All the leftover decay from winter needed to be cleaned up," he said. "We wore gloves and used rakes to clean parts of school grounds at all the district schools."

Ryan had a part in the new program every Friday from Earth Day until May 13. "We helped because we cleaned up the old so the new could grow," he said.

Prom Promises

The week before Prom, SADD members sat outside the cafeteria making sure that Prom-goers avoided destructive decisions. Junior Niko Culic waited with pens and "Prom Promises" to avoid trouble.

"We didn't want kids getting into trouble on Prom, when you're supposed to be carefree and have so much fun," Nico said. "We sat in front of the cafeteria to try to remind everyone going that there were some limits on their fun."

With Promises signed by many Prom-goers, SADD did their job.

Mustang Update

Hidden in the AV room, seniors Lea Kilbarda and Jon Funston prepared to film their Friday episode of "The Mustang Update."

"Since we didn't have a newspaper this year, we wanted a fun way to get out all kinds of news, awards and announcements to everyone," Lea said.

"We had so much fun. At first, we were a little shaky but by the second episode we figured out how to improvise it just right. It was nice to know that people learned stuff from us just having fun."

Crier

Barely able to keep her eyes open, senior Ashley DeVries sat in the Publications Department until 1 a.m. on April 21. As one of only two *Crier* members, she had an issue to get out for the next day.

"Even though I was alone, the paper was something the school needed," Ashley said. "I wanted our class to have a Senior Issue."

Releasing two year-end issues with Journalism 1 students' help, the long nights paid off. "The paper wasn't done in a night," Ashley said. "But it was worth it."

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

As she feels the sting from the needle, Jessie Stalmack, senior, donates blood for Student Government's annual blood drive in April. "The blood drive was a good way to help people and allows normal people to be an active hero," Jessie said.

LEND AN EAR

While volunteering at Snowflurry, Lucy Brown, senior, listens to a message during Chinese telephone. "It was a great way for the elementary school kids to interact and get to know each other," Lucy said. "They can all ask questions about the middle school and high school."



Band, Marching 3 (front row) Heather Haneman, Julie Janis, Elliot Eismann, Philip Bernardi, Jackie Boyle, Tyler Drabenstot, Robert Gorman (second row) Mark Boeckman, Zander Kevin, Stever Balog, Bryan Lee, Brandon Schweitzer, Neal Shah (third row) Jared Kozner, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger, David Zimmet, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Jovan Andjich, Gabe Haragody, Matt Lemus (back row) Ben DeBoer, John Wadas, Keith Lorenz, Dan Umlauf, Andrew Sharp, Matt Kuehn



Band, Marching 4 (front row) Ethan Hirsh, Kirstin Bularzik, Lauren Gier, Suchita Rastogi (second row) Suman Rao, Nicole Parra, Renae Kooy, Stephanie Scully (back row) Chris Cheng, Jessica Beezhold, Sonja Vasic, Leann Sikora, Heather Ballard, Rachel Pucalik



Band, Marching 5 (front row) Lovelyn Pastrana, Kait Banduta, Kelly Simmons, Kara Korem, Sarah Mihich (second row) Melissa Cappel, Ariana Rodriguez, Paul Bainbridge, Elyse Holloway, Kally Rausch (third row) Dan Carr, Emily Bradley, John-Michael Mulesa, Anna Millies, Sara Larsen, Valerie Umlauf (back row) Meagan Yothment, Deana Miskimins, Amanda Graves, Val Carrillo



workers and players from marching band to cec



Band, Pep 3 (front row) Amanda Graves, Melissa Victor, Neylan Pozzontek, Klinten Bularzik, Bridget Parker (second row) Meagan Yohment, Lovelyn Fastrana, Heather Loden, Nicole Trimolt, Melissa Cappel, Paul Bainbridge (third row) Andrew Webb, Laura Hennig, Kathryn Wadas, Mitch Bruhn, Kara Korem, Ariana Rodriguez (back row) Amanda Bacoyanis, Jessica Beezhold, Sonja Vasic, Renae Kooy, Kelly Frank, Corinne Stafford, Jenna Candiano



CEC, Freshman (front row) Melissa Cappel, Samantha Curtis (second row) Katie Anderson, Jessica Hilbrich, Umbreen Khan, Ariana Rodriguez



CEC, Junior (front row) Brittany Lewis, Amanda Kilbarda, Kim Dooley, Lindsay Weiss (back row) Brandon Chynoweth, Julie Benbenista, Nick Stolarz, Gina Rebesco, Mike McNicholas



CEC, Senior (front row) Michelle Becka, Kristina Standley, Erica Ranade (second row) Suman Rao, Brogan Guthrie, Allison Chelgren, Sarah Liszka, Gordana Radmilovic (back row) Chris Oudo, Christian Selest, Michael Mashura, Julie Nelson



Band, Pep 1 (front row) Doug Boyer, Phillip Bernardi, Nicole Cacich, Zander Kevin, Emily Bradley, Elliot Eismann, Julie Janis (second row) Steve Balog, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger, Jovan Andjelich, Spelios Bacoyanis, Eric LaMagdeleine, Bryan Lee (third row) Ben DeBoer, Jason Carr, Keith Lorenz, Dan Umlauf, John Wadas, Joey Zagorski (back row) Eric Wallace, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Joe Kasenga, Andrew Sharp, John-Michael Mulesa, Matt Tepperman, Devin Johnson



Band, Pep 2 (front row) Jordana Boton, Nicole Parra, Heather Baccara, Jackie Boyle, Stephanie Frank, Marc Compos, Molly Pozzontek (second row) Rachel Pucalik, Suman Rao, Brian Schmidt, Matt Coduti, Stephanie Scully, Elyse Holloway, Chris Cheng (third row) Robert Gorman, Dan Carr, Steve Hus, Anna Milles, Daniel Boyle, Tyler Drabenetot (back row) Valerie Umlauf, Sharon Lee, Kim Wiers, David GoShay, Mike Cummins, Ben Millbrath, Sarah Grabarczyk



CEC, Sophomore (Front Row) Chan Huynh, Katelyn Bochnowski, Catherine Lee, Marissa Zoppetti, Katie Stout (second row) Krisy Anderson, Jordan Janosek, Joe Rayeroff, Elena Falloon, Austin Piech, Maureen Shields (back row) Joel Schwaiber, Jeff Chou, Dan Schlesinger, Joey Domenico, Stefanie Dohman

workers and players from color guard to ensembles



Color Guard (front row) Neylan Poczontek, Annie Koulianos, Nikkida White, Natalie Manchak, Aren Farkas, Melissa Victor (middle row) Julie Stump, Stephanie Banach, Natalie Culp, Corinne Stafford, Emilee Vandersluis (back row) Sarah Grabarczyk, Amanda Bacoyanis, Kim Wiers, Daphne Pantazis, Sharon Lee, Dayanna Alvarado



DECA 1 (front row) Amie Johnson, Arek Varjabedian, Neil Doshi, Shaheen Omery, Ashley Hack, (second row) Punam Tiwana, Alyson Patton, Todd Loden, Umbreen Khan (back row) Jason Chen, Nolan Sliiko, Michael McIntyre, Chris Maloney, Andrew Graves



DECA 2 (front row) Kurt Popovich, Ashley Carlson, Cristina Benavente, Emily Clark, (second row) Benjamin Lee, Nicole Burns, Aisha Siddiqui, Katharyne Moore, Mr. Kent Lewis (back row) Michelle Shimizu, Julie Stocky, Preet Kaur, Crystal Altieri, Corinne Stafford



Ensembles, Mixed (front row) Clare McCullough, Martin Blumberg, Christine Barnes, Amanda Fogach, Shobha Pai, Allison Hasseliot, Michael Hughes, Emily Diekelman, Lyndsay Langbehn (third row) Chetan Chaubal, Jordan Barnes, Brooke Kozlowski, Paige Popravak, Michael Konopasek, Joel Barnes (back row) Patrick Pataky, Scott Vandersteen, Ryan Blanchard, Julie Nelson



Ensemble, Women's 1 (front row) Christina Rizk, Katie Watterson, Maureen Shields, Natalie Banks, Lindy Hernández (second row) Emilee Vandersluis, Danielle Troumoullaris, Nani Ravelo, Lauren Lomeli, Anne Chambers (back row) Sharon Lee, Kim Wiers, Morgan Geberin, Amanda Bacoyanis, Bryn Carter



MIRROR IMAGE

Mirror in hand, Jen McCreight, junior, shows a sixth grader her face painting at the Homecoming game. "The face painting helped Art Club raise money for various activities," Jen said. "We all had fun seeing the kids so excited."

POP THE CAP

Twisting off a bottle cap, senior Nicole Cacich, gets ready to serve refreshments at intermission for a community concert. "I didn't mind selling refreshments," Nicole said. "It raised money for Munster Theatre Company, and I got to be with my friends."



FACE TO FACE

Community work brings clubs close to citizens

Helping the deaf

Donating clothing, gift cards and toys to a "family that needs a blessing" has been a three year American Sign Language (ASL) Club tradition.

"We asked Deaf Services if they had a family who could use a blessing," sponsor Mrs. Lynn Schumacher, American Sign Language teacher, said. The family assigned to ASL consisted of two deaf parents and four hearing kids.

"The parents kept signing to their kids to only open half of the gifts," Katie Korem, senior, said. "They knew that these would be the only Christmas presents that they would receive and they should wait."

"It makes me happy to see that you can provide something that can be a miracle," Mrs. Schumacher said.

Toys for Tots

Turning in her toy to the Main Office took a major relief off senior Sarah Laymon's shoulders. She no longer had to serve a detention, thanks to Coach Leroy Marsh and Toys for Tots.

With more than 750 needy families from Lansing to Lake Station, the football team collected toys and money from students, faculty and the community.

"On Dec. 14 we took the junior players to Walmart to spend donations on more toys," Jake Ernd, junior, said.

With 20 successful years behind them, the football team looked forward to helping families during the holidays.

"It started as just a way to build team character," Coach Marsh said. "But now it's turned into a whole community thing."

Face painting

Carefully adding her final touches to the still-wet face paint, Jen McCreight, junior, finished her masterpiece on the six-year old's cheek. Jen, Art Club president, organized face painting at the Homecoming game to brighten the event.

"I've grown up around art and it helps me relax," Jen said. "It gives me an outlet for my creativity and it's something I like and want to share."

Jen stressed the importance of having art for all ages and in all settings.

"Besides the face painting at Homecoming, we also created holiday cards for hospitals to spike community interest in art," she said. "One of the main reasons for Art Club is that art can make people happy, so it's a way to reach out and beautify the community."

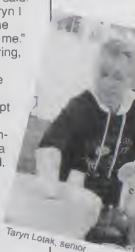
Cancer walk

Preparing for the Cancer Resource Center Romp and Rock, seniors Taryn Lotak and Sara Schulte gathered together enough cups, ice and beverages to fulfill the crowds' needs.

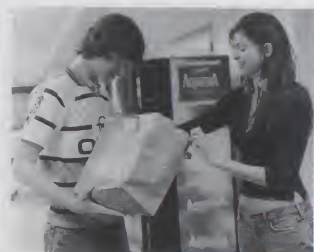
"I volunteered because it was something I heard about through National Honor Society," Sara said. "Then when I told Taryn I was going to do it, she offered to come with me."

As part of volunteering, which also included music and food in the park, Taryn and Sara served drinks and kept up the high spirits.

"It was such a worthwhile place to be on a weekend," Taryn said. "All the people that walked and pledged money and time were so amazing. They were able to do so much, and I was so glad to be able to help them."



Taryn Lotak, senior



IN THE BAG

At the start of the Oktobertest raffle, juniors Rachel Heinrich and Chris Topor look inside the bag of names. "We picked someone out of a bag, and then that person would get a German prize," Chris said.

SOFT TOUCH

On a visit to Hartfield Village, sophomore Zac Perlinski, and junior Tamiako Toyama participate in a Project X pet visit. "We'd go there in January," Zach said. "It brightened the older folks' day when we'd come."

workers and players from ensembles to french club



Ensemble, Women's 2 (front row) Anisha Rastogi, Clarissa Gosciej, Christina Kouklakis, Suchita Rastogi (second row) Mallory McShane, Amanda Graves, Christina Benavente, Katie Taylor, Saba Ahmed (back row) Danica Rajcevic, Emily Clark, Abby Purcell, Katie Franklin, Rachel Gosciej



Fashion Club 1 (front row) Stephanie Banach, Dayanna Alvarado, Emilee Vandersluis, Corinne Stafford, Natalie Culp (second row) Nai'Lani Kaveio, Danielle Troumoularis, Maria Maddocks, Devin Johnson, Lauren Lomeli, Michael Konopasek (back row) Lyndsey Hernandez, Kim Wiers, Rachel Heinrich, Katie Dolatowski, Umbreen Khan



Fashion Club 2 (front row) Cristina Vanko, Katie Taylor, Aren Farkos, Lauren Hudak, Marci Manuel (second row) Bethan Sylvester, Kelly Rausch, Marissa Sylvester, Abby Farkas (back row) Porshé Hannah, Melissa Graska, Danica Rajcevic, Julie Stump, Michelle Shimizu



French Club 1 (front row) Heather Phipps, Jaime Zamal, Paige Popravak, Amanda Schulte, Daphne Parlatzis, Genevieve Grdina, Lisa Sobilo (second row) Kelly Werner, Alex Andjelic, Ryan Gott, Eliot Benman, Kim Wiers, Sara Brown (third row) Mike McNicholas, Aric VanWeelden, Ashley Boyan, Alex Toth, Jake Kunz (back row) Zigorisk, David Pavkovich, Scott Rutkowski, Joey Zagorski, Joe Dwars, Zach Perliniski



French Club 2 (front row) Ashley Hack, Kassia Groszewski, Theresa Kretz, Natalie Belkairous, Kim Hawkins, Kim Long (second row) Lyndsey Langbein, Julie Benbenista, Katie Lissy, Dara Oni, Sara Schulte (third row) Sara Galante, Umbreen Khan, Sarah Grabarczyk, Ouanasat Gbagi, Megan Hruska, Ashly Speakman (back row) Dayanna Alvarado, Stephanie Banach, Christian Hansen, Brett Anderson, Amanda Bacoyanis



QUICK FIX

Behind the scenes of "Brigadoon", stage crew members Pat Los, senior, and juniors Joe Marcinak and Melissa Victor hurry to fix the only light backstage. "It was pretty dark back there during a show," Melissa said. "We needed the light fixed quickly."

CLEAN SCENE

To prepare for guests from different schools, Danny Alexander, freshman, paints the scenery for the Student Government District Conference. "The theme was 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road,'" Danny said. "It was fun to meet kids from other schools in the area because they were interested in the same things we were."



BRING TO LIGHT

Out of public eye, students make things happen

Junior CEC

Before Senior Banquet filled seniors' thoughts, the Junior CEC began making Prom plans three months ahead.

"We started planning Prom a couple months before hand," Gina Rebesch, junior, said. "We all thought of themes, and Julie Bembenista [junior] came up with Bond. We went with 'Diamonds are Forever.'"

Junior CEC proved thrifty with the help of Hobby Lobby and the Oriental Trading Company catalogue.

"My job was to make sure that everything got done," Gina said. "As long as Mrs. [Kristine] Mendoza [Junior Class sponsor] wasn't getting angry, we were good."

Theatre Company

Sacrificing SAT class time, Saba Ahmed, junior, practiced and rehearsed with the Munster Theatre Company three to four hours every day after school.

"All the time spent was tedious, but worth it," Saba said. "We would start out only staying three hours, and work up to four. We would only go back to three when people began memorizing lines."

Prolonged time in the auditorium made the outcome even better, according to Saba.

"People didn't complain about the extra work," Saba said. "I don't mean to sound corny when I say this, but you knew you were producing something beautiful in the end."

Speech

After selling Chicken Barbecue tickets door to door, working at barbecue Homecoming night, and preparing 6-10 hours for her speech, Lyndsay Langbehn, senior, had become part of a family.

"Speech Team involved a lot of hard work, and a lot of dedication and time. We did things people didn't know we did," Lyndsay said.

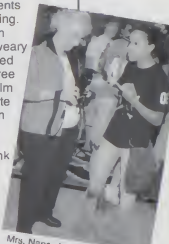
"When I looked back on it, it was fun being part of something that sponsored big events. The experiences from it meant a lot to me."

Lyndsay's hard work paid off when she qualified for Nationals two years in a row. "Every minute of work was worth it," she said.

Paragon

When the bell rang to at the end of 6th period, students left the building. Remaining in N155, four weary students typed on Macs, three developed film and two wrote receipts from yearbook sales.

"I don't think students understood the time put into making the yearbook," Lucia Rigo, junior, said. "I'd develop film and help with whatever I could. Even after I left, they'd still be there until after 9 p.m., organizing and planning what to do."



Mrs. Nancy Hastings, Lucia Rigo



ESCAPE THE WALL

Focused on his speech, Joel Schneider, sophomore, recites towards the wall. "We practiced to a wall before a round to review our piece," Joel said. "It was a concise review so I wouldn't forget anything. No one thinks it's weird because everyone else is doing it too."

HIGH PITCHED

Hitting all the right notes, concert choir members practice with Dr. Timothy Bartlett before a Habitat For Humanity concert. "We were asked to sing at the concert," Natalie Belkariou, senior, said. "Many other high schools were asked to sing too."

workers and players from french club to nhs



French Club 3 (front row) Meghan Guthrie, Natasha Kanak, Cristina Vanko, Melissa Kirincic, Jackie Boyle (second row) Lauren Hudak, Jason L'astara, Leroy Velazquez, Jessica Clusserath, Emily Lyness (back row) Kory Aklay, Todd Loden, Branka Romic, Sarah Anne Lanman, Brandon Chynoweth, Jon Merritt



French Club 4 (front row) Stephanie O'Connor, Elissa Moll, Marc Manuel, Val Carrillo (second row) Rachel Goscic, Jackie Kovach, Alessandra Mora, Keaton Aklay, Mrs. Alyce Mart Webb (third row) Bernadette Bowen, Dragana Petrovic, Stana Romic, Marissa Zoppetti, Courtney DeCero, Ariana Rodriguez (back row) Hilary Grunewald, Michelle Shimizu, Patricia Schmuesser, Carolyn Brown, Donna Sadural



German Club 1 (front row) Kristy Anderson, Steve Markovich, Erich Maui, Sara Pappas, Steven Altpach, Andrea Halverson (second row) Andrew Johnson, Sarah Grabarczyk, Valerie Umlauf, Madeline Cirdina, Liz Wible, Sharon Lee, Sarah Meggers (third row) Lisa Sobilo, Jennifer McCreight, Jaime Zlamal, Eric LaMagdeleine, Mary Larp, Amanda Bacoyanis, Megan Paradzinski (back row) Andrew Blise, Amy Heaney, Dave Suikola, Chris Topor, Jeff Kovach, Cara Briggs, Rachel Heinrich



German Club 2 (front row) Justine Jones, Michelle Shimizu, Allison Meggers, Umbrun Khan, Megan Hruska, Laura Hruska (second row) Matthew Matz, Sarah-Anne Lanman, James Hennes, Kaylen Huggy, James Economou, Katherine Kikalos (third row) Dan Budilovsky, Joe Kasenga, Brian Wujek, Ashley Hack, Steve Hus, Dimitri Katsapas (back row) Kim Hawkins, Clare McCullough, Maureen Shields, Jessica Beezhold, Christina Vanko, Kara Spurlock, Ryan Thorp



German Club 3 (front row) Melissa Cappo, Stephanie Handlon, Ashley Kolar, Adam Lerner, Joe O'Brien, Marc Manuel (second row) Erin Pergus, Nicole Trimolt, No'Lani Revelo, Tyler Thomas, Ark Varjabedian (third row) Adam Cooper, Mark Knight, Jessica Hilbrich, Jessica Hajduk, Dayanna Alvarado, Danielle Stone (back row) Justine Sefton, Milijana Lalic, Michael Konopasek, Daniel Boyle, Chris Kennelly, Anja Mitric, Kassia Groszewski



German Club 4 (front row) Val Carrillo, Kirstin Bularzik, Amanda Graves, Elissa Moll, Mary Webber (second row) Paul Bainbridge, Stana Romic, Patrick Seymour, Ashley Canan (third row) Lizzie Browder, Lauren Hudak, Kaitlin Ritchie, Katelyn Bochnowski, Emily Yaeger (back row) Jordan Janosek, Michele Zehner, Melissa Kirincic, Megan Paradzinski, Mary VanDeursen, Anitha Umapathy



BLOW BY BLOW

Flute in hand, Nicole Cacich, senior, works on her piece. "I worked very hard to prepare for ISSMA [Indiana State School Music Association]." Nicole said. "The hard work paid off in the end. We won Gold at Regionals and Silver at State."

ONE MAN'S TRASH

In order to do his part in Student Government, Matt Westerlund, junior, collects the pop cans in the cafeteria. "We were in charge of recycling cans," Matt said. "A lot of cans had to be taken out in the dumpster in front of the school; somebody had to do it."



Munster Theatre Company 1 (front row) Lauren Lomeli, Danielle Troumoularis, Chetan Chabul, Emilee Vandersluis, Lauren Guidotti, Jenna Candiano (second row) John Mühlich, Michael Konopasek, Rachel Heinrich, Genevieve Grdina, Jordan Barnes, Joel Barnes (third row) Nicole Cacich, Eric LaMagdeleine, Martin Blumberg, Pat Thomas, Joel Schneider, Emily Bradley (back row) Scott Goodwin, Patrick Pataky, Scott Vandersten, Ben DeBoer, Matt Tepperman, Ryan Blanchard

BRING TO LIGHT

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Despite the hidden hours, events prove rewarding

JETS

Working towards becoming first in the nation, the JETS team practiced with flash cards in an empty classroom, taking them all the way to Nationals.

"We were under pressure to be prepared," Phil Chan, senior, said. "A lot of us had to keep up with AP classes and worry about AP tests."

Part of JETS was being able to solve problems with learned solutions.

"A lot of what we used came from classes we took," Phil said. "It was good to know that what we learned was useful."

Color Guard

Early into marching season, Emilee Vandersluis, senior, stepped up as honorary Color Guard coach.

"We couldn't afford a coach," Emilee said. "I had been in Color Guard the longest, and knew how to handle the routines. I took charge, even if it was late."

Color Guard continued to entertain despite the set back.

"We came together as a team," Emilee said. "At season's end when we finally had a real coach, it helped, but I had it under control before he came."

Auditorium Staff

"No, no, no!" A whispered plea came from Eric Zyglowicz, junior, as the Styrofoam shed that functioned as a house in *Brigadoon*, slowly crumbled.

"It was tedious when things broke before shows," Eric said. "I usually had 20 minutes to fix them, and if I couldn't, they had to look like I did."

Time put into designing sets depended on the show and creativity.

"I'd be given a sketch and a week to brainstorm," Eric said. "I liked seeing what I envisioned created on stage."

French Club

After having perused the cheeses at Jewel for five minutes, Diane Petrovic, senior, made a decision about what she would need.

"When it came to French Club parties," Diane said. "We never knew how much to buy because we never knew who would show up at the Fromage Party."

Making her way down a few aisles, Diane reviewed her list of what was needed.

"It was fun to see how all your work paid off," Diane said.



Diane Petrovic, senior



GRAND ENTRANCE

Card in hand CEC member Bridget Parker, sophomore, gives Katelyn Laszlo, sophomore, her and her date's name to be read at the Grand March.

BURSTING HER BUBBLE

Attempting to make all the pieces fit on the spread, Allie Chelgren, senior, looks through the pictures needed for the clubs section design.



Munster Theatre Company 2 (front row) Heather Phipps, Jessica Conger, Saba Ahmed, Aleka Stefanopoulos, Elise Holloway, Elizabeth Van Wieren (second row) Sonja Vasic, Umbrin Khan, Emily Lyness, Jonathan Alexander, Alexandra Pavlovich, Clare McCulloch (third row) Danica Rajcovic, Manini Gupta, Desiree Cossyleon, Bryn Carter, Julianne Watterson, Mara Maddocks (back row) Kristen Kendall, Kim Wiers, Jeff Chou, Michael Hughes, Allison Hasseloff, Brooke Kozlowski



Munster Theatre Company 3 (front row) Megan Bonke, Amanda Graves, Sarah Mihich, Tiffany Barth, Rachel Cosciej, Melissa Victor, Kristin Bularzik (second row) Molly White, Kim Dooley, Emily Clark, Amanda Kilbarda, Amanda Pogach, Joe Marciniak (third row) Katie Taylor, Erica Ranade, Michelle Becka, Brogan Guthrie, Lyndsay Langbehn, Kathryn Wadas, Neena Prasad (back row) Lea Kilbarda, Jen Dubish, Nicole Parra, Sharon Lee, Katie Franklin, Mike Graczyk, Paige Popravak



NHS 1 (front row) David Chen, Phil Chan, Allison Chelgren, Chris Ordo, Brandon Platt (second row) Michael Mashura, Brent Brnach, Zak Boswell, Philip Shapiro, Eric Appelsies, Jon Fisher (third row) Radu Apostoia, Jon Furston, Andrew Sharp, Steven Millies, Steve Balog, Nick Murphy (back row) Joe Dears, David Pavlovich, Keith Lorenz, Jared Flahaven, Mike Hawryszkow, Kevin Hoffman

workers and players from NHS to paragon



NHS 2 (front row) Elise Müller, Murad Omery, Denny Lee, Tina Shieh, Stephanie Scully, Christina Domenico (second row) Linda Landowski, Natalie Belkairous, Nicole Parra, Melissa Jurick, Lori Andjelich, Heather Haneman (third row) Todd Loden, Sara Pappas, Julie Nelson, Chetan Chaubal, Genevieve Grdina, Heather Stock (back row) David Porter, Aaron Pleitner, Jennifer Zgorika, Lea Kilibarda, Kathryn Slaboski, Kristen Szafaz



NHS 3 (front row) Erica Bhavsar, Rachel Gosciej, Neerja Prasad, Amanda Pogach (second row) Sara Schulte, Kristina Standley, Sarah Liszka, Kavita Nana, Dragana Petrovic (third row) Anna Rak, Suman Rao, Brittany Bohling, Ashley DeVries, Danielle Wilks, Lyndsay Langbehn (back row) Erica Ranade, Brogan Guthrie, Michelle Becka, Anne McShane, Gordana Radmilovic, Manini Gupta



Orchestra 1 (front row) Mary Haneman, Murad Omery, Mark Webster, Mara Maddocks, Justine Van Dyke, Jessica Beezhold (second row) Desiree Cossyleon, Doug Boyer, Sharon Lee, Andrew Johnson, Matt Jones, Kristina Kovacevich, Kim Hawkins (third row) Chris Ono, Tim Qualls, Amanda Bacoyanis, Julie Nelson, Jonathan Alexander, Jennifer Peng (back row) Bryan Lee, Benoit Cerven, Joe Kavenga, Andrew Sharp, Paul Albrecht-Mallinger, Mike Kovacich



Orchestra 2 (front row) Anisha Rastogi, Erin McNulty, Julie Hawkins, Amanda Graves, Pooja Khatiwada, Neerja Prasad, Elissa Moll (second row) Ali McKenna, Heather Loden, Chan Huynh, Tieg Alexander, Catherine Lee, Bridget Parker (third row) Marnan Campos, Angela Hahn, Krystie Murzyn, Tyler Drabensiot, Adam Cooper, Katherine Wadas, Rachel Eldred (back row) Suchita Rastogi, Cecilia Huang, Tina Shieh, Christa Bieda, Heather Haneman, Elyse Holloway, Christina Rizk, Mary Webber



Paragon (front row) Elise Miller, Sarah-Anne Lanman, Tiffany Barth, Lucia Rigo, Gina Stoffregen (back row) Lauren Guidotti, Alison Chelgren, Chris Maloney, Kaylen Huggy, Jessica Pleitner



PEP THINGS UP

In an attempt to get the crowd riled up, Student Body President Genevieve Grdina, senior, announces the activities for the Pep Session. "It was exhilarating," Genevieve said. "We had worked on the decorations since the second week of school. I was so proud to see it all come together."

READ IT AND WEEP

Telling her fellow editor Kaylen Huggy, senior, plans for their club coverage, Sarah-Anne Lanman, senior, reads the *Paragon* ladder aloud. "We'd all have to come together to plan major parts of the book," she said. "Sometimes the craziest ideas became really important to our theme and our coverage. We told everyone to say whatever they wanted, because who knew what we'd end up using?"



LOUD AND CLEAR

Student leaders take charge to leave their mark

Speech President

Calling Speech Council meeting to order, senior David Pavkovich sat with Mrs. Helen Engstrom, head Speech coach, trying to get the team organized for Chicken Barbecue.

"I'd be there to help Mrs. Engstrom and provide leadership to kids," David said of his role as Speech President. "Just like everyone on the council, I had a group of kids to coach, who I worked with once a week."

While regular coaches were always there to help, David took on the biggest burden for the Chicken Barbecue.

"I had to show up as soon as possible, sell tickets, bring food and get the team ready," he said. "Once everyone got there it fell into place. But before that, it was a challenge."

Almost as challenging as getting the team riled at 4 a.m.

"I got the team get energized before early meets on the bus, with tongue twisters and leading the fight song," David said.

Student Director

In the front row of the auditorium, Chetan Chaubal and Martin Blumberg, seniors, sat and watched auditions for their first solo production of "Rumors."

The auditions didn't kick off their work on the show; instead, it was something they'd been planning two years.

"It all started sophomore year," Chetan said. "We decided once we were seniors, we'd direct our own show. We'd even picked out the play by then."

After casting the winter production, the two directors set off to make their debut.

"We did have some trouble in the beginning with keeping everyone together and under control," Chetan said. "We had to have a talk about a month before opening night. But that negative energy from earlier turned into creative energy."

That energy evolved into a strong cast, according to Chetan.

"While Martin and I were in charge, anyone could go to anyone else for any help," he said.

Student Body President

Notebook in hand, senior Genevieve Grdina sat in the front of Mrs. Jill Underly's classroom, discussing upcoming plans for Student Government. As Student Body President, it was her job to maintain order.

Though her Vice President, senior Zak Boswell, stood next to her, she didn't need him up there as much as she needed her well-worn notebook.

"Sometimes it'd be hard to keep everything together and know where everything was," Genevieve said. "That's why the notebook would be so important. I couldn't function without it. I had everything I needed."

She had plenty to keep track of as well. For the first year, Student Government earned the distinction of being a state Honor Council.

"I made a scrapbook detailing our school project against bullying, our activities with other schools, hosting a District Conference among other things," Genevieve said. "We did so much and I had to keep track of it all. Planning with my notebook was important."

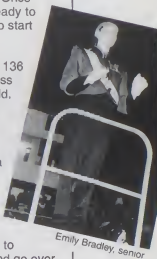
Drum Major

Making sure that the Marching Band's uniforms stayed in order for their show "Heart, Mind and Soul," drum major Emily Bradley, senior, completed her checklist.

"I would be like the mom to the Marching Band, making sure everyone had their uniform and made it onto the buses in time," Emily said. "I also check to make sure that uniforms and equipment were in place. Once everything's ready to go, I'd signal to start tuning their instruments."

Directing the 136 members across the football field, Emily had to keep things in order.

"Being organized as a drum major wasn't too different," she said. "Like everyone else, I still had to keep charts and go over the music in my head. When there were shows, I'd be there early to check with Mr. Woods [band director] to see what was going on."



Emily Bradley, senior

SCENE CHANGE

Sample wood in hand, senior Chetan Chaubal mixes paint samples. "I was completely in charge of this set for the *Play It Again Sam*," Chetan said. "I had a lot of responsibilities to make the set look nice. I knew Erica [Ranade] and Jenna [Candiano, student directors] were really counting on me."

SPOKEN FOR

While waiting for the next round, David Pavkovich, senior, watches a video with Speech Team members Jordan Barnes, senior; Soumya Gupta, junior; and Scott Vandersteen, senior; during a break. "It was strange being President of Speech this year," David said. "Acting as a leader to the younger competitors often having been one myself was really surreal. I remember being the new guy all too well."



workers and players from ping pong to project x



Ping Pong Club-1 (front row) Ashir Shah, Akash Rusia, Mike McNicholas, Ajay Patwari, Ian Vera (second row) Nick Shelton, Daniel Spungen, Alex Toth, Jake Kunz, Chip Andrews, Andrew Bilse (third row) David Porter, Niko Culic, Joey Domenico, Leroy Velasquez, Steve Alspach, Devin Johnson (back row) Joe Zagorski, Jared Flahaven, David Pavlovich, Kevin Hoffman, Ravi Shah, Jeff Chou



Ping Pong Club-2 (front row) Alyce Carlson, Meghan Guthrie, Celeste Tiber, Jose Kilo, Peter Pultrovski, Satya Herdige (second row) Eric Anderson, Nemanja Sosic, Julie Janis, Doug Boyer, Ashley Boyan, Tom Ramus, Billy Hasse (third row) Mark Boeckman, James Mehok, Jeff Reuter, Connor Leto, Dan Johnson, Colin Carry (back row) Joel Schneider, Eric Appelsies, Chris Ondo, Ryan Gott, David Chen, Joe Scholtz



Ping Pong Club-3 (front row) Cristina Vanko, Chan Huynh, Sylvia Benowitz, Neil Doshi, Neal Shah, George Vezmar (second row) Soumya Gupta, Mary VanDeusen, Kavita Nana, Dragana Petrevic, Jessica Beezhold, Renae Kooy (third row) Anek Varjabedian, Jutigan Yinyoun, Dan Borgo, NaLani Ravelo, Danielle Stone, Christina Domenico (back row) Anthony Fattore, Pat Kozlowski, Jim Hesterman, Ben Gouwens, George Nieves, Philip Chan



Ping Pong Club-4 (front row) Michele Zehner, Kaitlin Ritchie, Lizzie Browder, Courtney Basile, Melissa Cappel, Bridget Parker (second row) Eric Nelson, Lauren Nourie, Melissa Kirtic, Kara Sulaim, Katelyn Bochnowski, Emily Clark (third row) Clare McCullough, Colleen McIntyre, Catherine Lee, Emily Yaeger, Stephanie Gallardo, Heather Loden, Andrea Coulis (back row) Amanda Kilbarda, Clare McCulloch, Alexandra Pavlovich, Elyse Holloway, Donna Sadural, Onanasan Gbagi, Megan Bonke, Dani Blare



Project X 1 (front row) Kristy Anderson, Stephanie Dohman, Amanda Schulte, Elena Falloon, Valerie Umhaut, Eric Anderson (second row) Maggie Behrens, Lauren Guidotti, Rachel Myszak, Gina Stoffregen, Lisa Sobito, Alexis Jeter, David Porter (third row) Chip Andrews, Cara Briggs, Ryan Gott, Gina Rebesco, Rachel Heinrich, Morgan Geberin (back row) Ajay Patwari, Jeff Chou, Ravi Shah, Pat Pohrie, Zach Perlinski, Matt Westerlund



ACTIVE DUTY

Doing his part in the performance, Matt Tepperman, sophomore, plays Officer Pudney, along with other characters played by Jessica Conger, junior, and seniors Pat Thomas and Jordan Barnes. "Theatre was not just a club where you learned how to become an actor," Matt said. "It was where you gained new memories that you'll never forget."

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

In a humorous duo with his brother, Joel Barnes, senior, performs "The History of Mankind in Under 10 minutes." "Because Jordan and I were national qualifiers, the parents wanted to see our skit," Joel said. "I was imitating an American soldier firing at the British, which was played by my brother."



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Performances spark club members' drive

Ensembles

While hearing 32 other voices surrounding her, Katie Taylor, sophomore, relaxed and focused on projecting her voice.

"To me, performing wasn't nerve-wracking," Katie said. "The security blanket of knowing there were so many other voices helped me to be more vocal and lose my inhibitions."

Performing at hospitals, retirement homes, the Performing Art Center, and Gold Division Regional ISSMA prepared Womens' Ensembles to qualify for State competition.

"Making it all the way to State finals was just the icing on the cake," Katie said.

TO THE POINT

As they put together the weekly news, Lea Kilbarda and Jon Funston, seniors, discuss the order of their topics. "Jon and I decided to start the news show because we didn't have a newspaper this year," Lea said. We wanted a fun way to get all kinds of announcements and news out to the whole school."

KEEP THE BEAT

Outside at the Walkathon for cancer research, African Drumming Club performs for the participants. "It was a privilege to be asked to play," Erica Ranade, senior, said. "A small club like ours doesn't usually get asked to perform at large events."

Orchestra

Arriving at school to fill the Concert Mistress' chair, Tina Shieh, senior, opened her violin case, and set down her music.

"I think orchestra helped develop a sense of discipline," Tina said. "It started at 6:45 a.m. every morning. Only dedicated people could have committed to getting up that early."

Tina's dedication to practice and performance started five years ago.

"I've been in orchestra since 7th grade. Orchestra opened a lot of doors for me," Tina said. "I got involved in the Chicago Orchestra, I played for the musical for the three years, and it gave me many job opportunities."

"People called for music to be played at parties, and having been part of that allowed me to perform and be my own boss."

Playing provided Tina with a way to destress and separate herself.

"When I played, I slipped into another world," Tina said.

Theatre Company

Waiting in the wings of the stage as Fiona in *Brigadoon*, Heather Phipps, junior, repeated her opening lines to herself one last time.

"Being a lead in *Brigadoon* allowed me to incorporate the things that I loved doing: singing and acting," Heather said.

According to Heather, there was also a lot more than just singing and dancing.

"There was absolutely no experience I had in high school that could even compare to being in theater," Heather said. "The people I met and the relationships I formed with the directors, staff, and the whole company will be with me forever."

"I felt an exhilaration on stage unlike anything else in the world. I left the real me behind and became someone else on the stage."

Whether theater was a way for some to meet friends, express themselves, or become someone different, it was a window into how students performed in front of the public eye.

Marching Band

Marching Band proved more than football games and parades, according to Neerja Prasad, senior.

"It was physically intense," Neerja said. "It was like preparing for a sports match. When you finally did it, you had to push yourself."

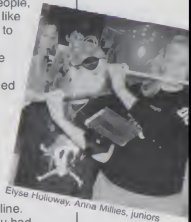
Leading the percussion section at competitions, Neerja kept the rhythm while focusing on presentation.

"With a whole panel of judges watching you, you got nervous. Sometimes they focused on individual people, and you felt like you needed to be perfect."

Despite the pressure, Neerja gained more than muscles carrying a snare drum.

"I really enjoyed it because it took so much discipline. It felt like you had accomplished something."

"It's very much a group effort," Neerja said.



Elise Hultiney, Anna Milles, juniors



FAST-TO-MUSIC

Dressed and ready to thrill, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger, senior, and Melissa Victor, junior, perform at Groucho Marx Night for pep band. "Pep Band always had fun performing together. There was rarely a dull moment," Daniel said.

EYE ON THE PRIZE

Competition challenges students to push the limit

Speech

Until the later hours of the night, Michelle Becka, senior, found herself practicing her Humorous Interp in the Speech room. While the regular season ended weeks before, she prepared specially for the National

Forensic League National Tournament in Philadelphia.

"I practiced everyday before Districts to qualify," she said. "Now I have to tweak my piece to be the best it can possibly be. I don't know what to expect at Nationals, but I'm not taking any chances."

Ping Pong

Back and forth. Back and forth. Heads followed the ping-pong ball as it bounced from paddle to paddle as juniors Steve Alsapach and Mark Boekman competed in the championship Ping Pong game.

"Mark was a good competitor," Steve said. "Our final score was close. I only won with a 21-18 score."

Having practiced with his brother three to four times a week, Steve had prepared himself for the final game.

"Practicing was something that I didn't take that seriously," Steve said. "It was something fun to do with my brother. It wasn't like I trained. It was just Ping Pong after all."

Debate

"Don't freak out," Natalie Moya, sophomore, told herself as the last round of Debate Districts neared completion.

"Our last one was the worst round," Natalie said. "It wasn't that we weren't prepared. We practiced and researched at home. What made the last round difficult was that we didn't expect to go so far. We researched the same topic all season, so it wasn't new material. But it was a new place for us to be."

Before the thrill of Nationals, Natalie and Katie Lee, sophomore, qualified for Policy Debate. Facing two major rivals, Chesterton and Mishawaka Penn, the girls continued while the competition escalated all the way to State.

"We were surprised we got so far," Natalie said. "Debate taught me how to think on my feet."

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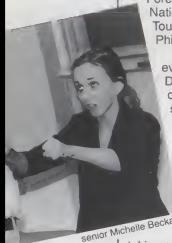
Sitting alone in a waiting room, Christina Benevente, senior, read over her DECA State Competition situation.

"I had 15 minutes to prepare a solution to a problem facing a full service restaurant," Christina said. "We weren't allowed to see the sketch before, so everything we presented was new."

Knowing that it was the best solution that usually won, Christina faced the three judges self-assured.

"If you didn't walk out there looking like you knew what you were doing, you'd lose points," she said. "Presentation was a huge part."

Christina placed fourth in State. "Someone left and I was promoted to third," Christina said. "The top three move on to Nationals. I made the cut by being lucky."



BACK TO BACK

While in the hallway, juniors Rohini Chatterjee and Saba Ahmed practice We the People speeches with seniors Lea Kilbarda, Danielle Wilks and Jen Zgorka. "We really enjoyed this prep time because it was a group effort," Rohini said.

ANSWER THE QUESTION

Thinking as a group, seniors Chris Ondo, Steve Balog, and Phil Chan try to formulate the answer for the judges at the Academic Superbowl. The team won first in the nation, based on their test score results.





MEDAL MOMENT

Accepting her Superior Medal for photography from Journalism Education Association Executive Secretary Linda Putney and JEA Vice President Jack Kennedy, Allison Chelgren, senior, earns recognition in Atlanta. Four yearbook staff members traveled to the November national convention to improve skills and compete in the JEA Write-Offs.



DO THE HONORS

At the end of the Munster speech meet in January, Shobha Pai, junior, presents the top eight finalists, including Anisha Rastogi, freshman, with awards. "It was a tradition for the officers to recognize the winners at the Munster meet," Shobha said.

MONEY MATTERS

In preparation for State competition, seniors Christina Benevente and Todd Loden practice their events. "We all wanted to choose what was best for ourselves and for our team for State," Christina said.



workers and players from project x to SADD



Project X2 (front row) Milijana Lalic, Cecilia Huang, Justine Setton, Rachel Quiniones, Aisha Siddiqui, Elissa Moll (second row) Andrew Graves, Branka Romic, Andrew Johnson, Katie Hamilton, Eunice Ntamoah, Katie Szalasz (third row) Ashley Brian, Erin Joseph, Lucy Brown, Jackie Yerga, Lauren Meneghetti, Katelyn Laszlo (back row) Alaina Trgovich, Cheley Kimes, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Ashley Boyan, Joey Domenico, Kate Varnum



Project X3 (front row) Ashley Cook, Shobha Pai, Kara Lynn Hayes, Dulari Dave, Taylor Della Rocco, Nicole Malo (second row) Katie Anderson, Judith Maddatu, Val Carrillo, Tamiko Toyama, Emily Clark, Lindsay Weiss (third row) Sarah Flick, Soumya Gupta, Mary VanDeusen, Saba Ahmed, Kassia Groszewski, Valerie Alvarez (back row) Michelle Phillipsborn, Katharyne Moore, Lindy Hernandez, Casey Jedrejczak, Nisha Raiker, Angela Hehn



Project X4 (front row) Debbie Wilczynski, Missy Kirincic, Kara Spurlock, Jessica Beezhold (second row) Ashley Koarik, Donna Sadural, Angelique Mercier, Clare McCullough, Danielle Fuentes (third row) Farha Farooq, Reem Farooq, Christina Riaz, Clare McCulloch, Alshan Husain (back row) Sam Torres, Jordan Janosek, Akash Rusia, Tammy Lee, Alicia Tuuk, Alexandra Pavkovich



Project X5 (front row) Emily Lyness, Julie Zivich, Courtney Basile (second row) Stana Romic, Dragana Petrovic, Mireya Villalba, Erica Bhavsar, Lauren Hadak (third row) Aleksandra Mora, Kristen Ruest, Brittani Vasquez, Kavita Nana (back row) Colleen McIntyre, Amy Hammermeister, Celeste Tiberi, Angela Banas, Jennifer Peng



SADD 1 (front row) Sara Galante, Eric Anderson, Valerie Umlauf, Rachel Pucalik, Andrew Graves (second row) Kate Varnum, Katelyn Laszlo, Jackie Yerga, Stefanie Dolman, Amanda Schulte, Joey Domenico (third row) Lauren Guidotti, Erin Joseph, Lindsey Pugh, Ashley Brian, Mitzy Smilic, Ashley Bojan (back row) Ajay Patwari, Niko Culic, Jared Flahaven, Chip Andrews, Alex Toth, Jake Kunz

workers and players from SADD to speech and debate



SADD 2 (front row) Dani Blati, Andrea Cully, Soumya Gupta, Lauren Hudak, Anitha Umapathy, Saba Ahmed (second row) Kelly Rausch, Stana Romie, Clare McCulloch, Gina Stoffregen, Kim Hassse, Tamiko Toyama (third row) Branka Romie, Meredith Bruman, Amanda Zimmerman, Brogan Guthrie, Theresa Kretz, Michelle Becka (back row) Jeff Reuter, Emily Eagan, Katie Szafasz, Kristen Szafasz, Jessica Arens, Eric Nelson



SADD 3 (front row) Christina Domenico, Michael Becka, Lyndsay Langbehn (second row) Eunice Ntiamoa, Mireya Villalba, Kavita Nana, Erica Bhavsar, Lucy Brown (third row) Cristina Vanko, Angelique Mercier, Kim Dooley, Sarah Burnstien, Taylor DellaRocco, Marissa Sylvester (back row) Farha Farooq, Reem Farooq, Matt Westerlund, Aishan Husain, Katie Anderson, Catherine Lee



Spanish Club 1 (front row) Eleanor Kennedy, Christina Vanko, Katie Dolatowski, Desiree Cossyleon, Kristina Kovacevich, Denny Lee (second row) Joey Domenico, Elizabeth Volkoff, Sara Galante, Kristy Anderson, Kate Varum (third row) Alexis Jeter, Jennifer Peng, Antonio Cisneros, Danielle Troumoullaris, Chetan Chaubal, Melissa Burford (back row) Ajay Patwari, Mike Hawkins, Ravi Shah, Patrick Pataky, Zach Perlinksi, Joel Schneider



Spanish Club 2 (front row) Danielle Fuentes, Aishan Husain, Alex Galante, Farha Farooq, Lindy Hernández, Jasmine Fonda-Adegbeni (second row) Natalie Banka, Sami McCarthy, Connor Leto, Peter Futheneviti, Ruth Christopher, Celeste Tiberi (third row) Reem Farooq, Heather Stock, Sara Pappas, Veronica Delgado, Sean Leto, Jeff Reuter, Punam Tiwana (back row) Eric Anderson, Harrison Hernandez, Joseph Scholtz, Dan Johnson, Anna Sherron, Murad Omery



Spanish Club 3 (front row) Saba Ahmed, Mary VanDeursen, Jessica Conger, Erica Ranado, Shobha Pai (second row) Soumya Gupta, Christina Rizk, Tammy Lee, Nicole Malo, Anitha Umapathy (back row) Kelly Rausch, Timothy Yee, Gina Christopher, Alyssa DeBoid, Sarah Johnson, Katie Anderson

OLYMPIC SPIRIT

In the Industrial Tech lab at Wilbur Wright Middle School, Chris Ondo and Phil Chan, seniors, work on the construction of a robot for State Science Olympiad. "We ordered a set of bulldozer tracks and basically constructed everything else out of wood and screws," Phil said.



GET THE FLOOR

With a bass clarinet in her lap, Stephanie Frank, senior, watches the pep rally for homecoming in the Fieldhouse. "It was fun to play at the pep rally," Stephanie said.



Spanish Club 4 (front row) Marnan Campos, Michael Becka, George Vezmar, Mireya Villalba, Michelle Jones (second row) Ashley Kolarik, Donna Sadural, Marissa Sylvester, Bethan Sylvester, Aisha Siddiqui (back row) Lisa Weichman, Veronica Lopez, Tamiko Toyama, Rachel Pucalik, Natalie Moya, Colnoosh Kamali



Speech and Debate 1 (front row) Alexis Jeter, Andrew Johnson, Sara Galante, Julianne Watterson, Bryn Carter, Umbreen Khan (second row) Liz Wible, Genevieve Grdina, Katelyn Laszlo, Stefan Dohman, Sonja Vasic, Amanda Schulte (third row) Ravi Shah, Jason Cotti, Matt Tepperman, Hannah Huebner, Zach Perlinski, Madeline Grdina (back row) Scott Vandersteen, Joel Schneider, David Pavkovich, Phil Caap, Ajay Patwari, Phillip Shapiro

STRIKE A NOTE

Different interests develop through clubs

Photography

Signing up for Photography sophomore year as a way to get her fine arts credit, Alli Chelgren, senior, never imagined that she'd consider the field as a possible career two years later.

"It wasn't something I expected to like as much as I do now," Alli said. "I initially signed up because I knew I wasn't good at drawing. I'm not an artist. But the longer I stayed, the more I enjoyed it. Eventually I joined yearbook as a photographer and was on staff for two years."

Alli can see more than through the lens, but to her future.

"Now that I'm graduating, I plan on studying photography in college as one of my majors, which will be pretty cool," she said. "Photography is something I can see myself doing for years to come."

ASL Club

Her cousin's fingers moving faster than she could follow, Rachel Myszak, senior, knew she had to do something to understand her deaf cousins. While she knew sign language basics, she needed to better hone her skills.

"I was interested in learning about sign language because I always wanted to be able to communicate with my deaf cousins," Rachel said. "I only knew the basics before I took the class and started being active in the club."

Rachel's American Sign Language role lead to being more active in the community, as well as helping her personally.

"It really boosted my involvement. At Christmas, we had a toy drive for a family. My aunt also came in to raise awareness about deaf kids," she said.

Orchestra

Alarm blaring at 6 a.m. Monday morning, Colleen McIntyre, sophomore, peeled herself out of bed to make it to zero-hour in 45 minutes. Once ready, she made it to the Orchestra room and started warm-ups on her flute.

"On the early days, it'd be okay when we played fun music. I really like playing 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and I looked forward to it."

Joining her in the early hours, sophomores Clare McCullough and Cecilia Huang, still groggy, found reason to play. "I'll be the old lady playing at mass every Sunday," Clare said of her clarinet playing.

"Orchestra is being part of a team," Cecilia said. "When you're a freshman and you first join, it feels so nice—like you've finally found your niche in school."

German Club

Bags packed and ready to leave the country, junior Madeline Grdina couldn't wait to get on a plane to Germany. As one of 10 students participating in the Indiana University Honors Program, she'd worked long and hard to qualify for the seven-week program abroad. But she didn't do it alone.

"My interest in German really came from taking classes at school," Madeline said. "When I signed up, German was just something I kinda liked. But once I'd been studying it, I liked it so much."

Maddie credits German Club with spreading her interest.

"When we went to Chicago for the German market, it was sweet," Madeline said. "Now that I'm going to Germany, it's weird to think that I didn't always have this outlet."



Juniors Jenny Conley, Andrea Coulis, Lindsay Weiss, Spanish Club



SMALL TALK

Before her turn to compete, Danica Rajcevic, senior, practices her speech in the hall. "My friend and I talked about our pieces and our mutual anxiety before a round," Danica said.

TO THE WALL

Stapling each foreign language students' name to the library's bulletin board Liz Van Wieren, senior, and Daphne Pantazis, junior, help celebrate Foreign Language Week.



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Speech and Debate 3 (front row) Brett Anderson, Heather Phipps, Jessica Conger, Saba Ahmed, Natalie Banka, Maureen Shields (second row) Anna Stariba, Clare McCulloch, Mara Maddocks, Nannu Gupta, Anna McShane, Danica Rajcevic (third row) Reem Fawaz, Afshan Hussain, Andrew Graves, Elise Miller, Murad Omery, Alexandra Pavkovich (back row) Abel Gutierrez, Anna Sherron, Pat Thomas, Tom Ramus, Jessica Hilbrich, Casey Jedrzejczak



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MINGLE WITH MUNCHIES

The allure of food brings club members together

Spanish Club

Equipped with Salsa dancing, pinatas, and homemade foods, foreign language clubs brought slices of outside cultures to students and faculty members.

Looking forward to free food, club members attended parties to socialize with friends and have fun after school.

"Spanish Club parties would be really different, depending on the day or the holiday," Kevin Donahue, sophomore, said. "Sometimes there would be things to watch or games to play," Kevin said. "I wouldn't take part in a lot of things; I would just watch, and talk with my friends."

Auditorium Staff

Between lighting, head phones and switchboards, Auditorium Staff members relaxed and entertained each other.

"We played pranks on each other all the time," Liz Van Wieren, senior, said. "Once they Saran Wrapped my car; it was hilarious."

Bonding together during and between shows sometimes happened when least expected.

"When I first joined, I joined because I knew a few members," Liz said. "But we ended up becoming really big family."

Working hard to pull productions together, Auditorium staff worked while they played.

"During performances we talked to each other on the intercom system. It was almost like a secret society, we all had nick-names, and inside jokes."

German Club

After having prayed for good weather, the German Club and a few guests made their way to Community Park to set up for their annual end of year cookout.

"This year we had a small turnout," Chris Topor, junior, and club president, said. "We have had years where we were short brats, plates, and other German foods, but kids must have thought the weather was going to be bad, or they were too busy to come out."

The intent of the cookout was to bring the members together and let them be able to visit one last time, according to Mrs. Eileen Meier, German teacher, and sponsor.

"We hoped to bring everyone together," Mrs. Meier said. "Food will always do that."

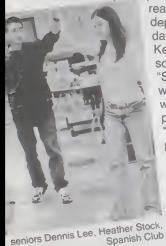
French Club

Dashed hopes of French bistros and fine dining, Joe Dwars, senior, deliberated with fellow French Club members as to the time and place for their next party.

"I was pulling for a field trip to Chicago," Joe said. "But we could never find a date that everyone could make it to. There was a French restaurant that we had decided on, but not enough people were interested."

Instead of getting down about the lack of Chicago outings, Joe listened to members and did what he thought needed be done: he scheduled another party.

"We had Mardi Gras, Christmas, and the Fromage parties," Joe said. "Madame [Sue] Durkin's retirement party was a big one that everyone enjoyed; But we never go to Chicago!"



seniors Dennis Lee, Heather Stock, Spanish Club



UNDER WRAPS

On a Spanish Club field trip, Peter Puthenveetil and Stefanie Krasic, juniors, put their napkins on their heads. "The napkins were enormous!" Peter said. "I wrapped mine around my head and Stefanie wrapped hers around her head like a babushka."



BLOW BY BLOW

Content in having her cake and eating it too, Kaylen Huggy, senior, celebrates her birthday in the Publications room. "It was tradition to bring in cake on someone's birthday."



MAKE A BREAK FOR IT

While enjoying a snack break between speeches, Samantha Torres, sophomore, talks about how her first speech meet went. "I really liked competing in speech," Samantha said. "[Speech] lets you portray something while using emotion."



LEADER BEES

Without hesitation, Amy Heaney, senior, prepares to enjoy a cookie with a mound of frosting on top. "We made cookies in Art Club for Christmas," Amy said. "It was fun to do something a little bit different for the holidays. Plus we got to eat them when we were done!"

HIT-OR-MISS

As Leo Giannakis, sophomore, attempts to volley back the Ping-Pong ball, he aimed to win his match in the Commons. "I joined [Ping-Pong] with my friends," Leo said. "I ended up getting really into the games. It didn't matter if I knew who I was playing with or not."



workers and players from academic team to cec



Speech and Debate 5 (front row) Carly Gibbs, Anisha Rastogi, Ali McKenna, Judith Maddatu, Michael Becka, Arefin Chowdhury (second row) Sarah Chowdhury, Chan Huynh, Anitha Umpathy, Soumya Gupta, Roli Mandhana, Stephen Ong, Faridah Hossain (third row) Swana Kopparty, Cristina Yanko, Desiree Cosayleon, Elena Falkoon, Catherine Lee, Natalie Moya, Amanda Pogach (back row) Kathryn Wadas, Molly White, Erica Ranade, Michael Hughes, Megan Bonke, Cecilia Huang, Suchita Rastogi, Elissa Moll



Student Government 1 (front row) Desiree Cosayleon, Hilary Grunewald, James Burgwald, Kim Long (row 2) Jeff Mannier, Kate Szafarz, Lea Klibarda, Tina Sheb, Emily Eagan (back row) David Pavkovich, Jon Funston, Zak Boswell, Kate Varum, Matt Westerlund



Student Government 2 (front row) Emily Lyness, Lauren Hudak, Danny Alexander, Tamiko Iovama, Shobha Pan, Andrea Coulis (second row) Brittany Bohling, Lindsey Ziemba, Eric Anderson, Genevieve Grdina Kim Hase, Emily Clark (back row) Nolan Stifano, Tom Gianucci, Mike Sudbury, Marc Wilson, Kelly Wade



Thespians 1 (front row) Jen Dubosh, Michael Hughes, Joel Barnes, Kristin Kendall, Paige Popravuk (second row) Chetan Chaudhri, Jordan Barnes, John Mihich, Nicole Cacch, Michael Konopasek, Danielle Troumoularis (third row) Emily Bradley, Joel Schneider, Eric LaMagdeleine, Martin Blumberg, Jeff Chou (back row) Ryan Blanchard, Patrick Pataky, Scott Vandersteon, Ben DeBoer, Matt Tepperman, Pat Thomas



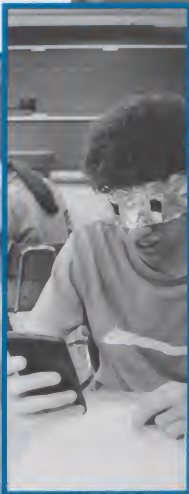
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fun and games

After following the soccer ball out of bounds, Mike Hawryszkow, senior, makes a call at the Bishop Noll game. "I yelled to the referee that it was our ball," Mike said.

In the sack relay at the Homecoming pep rally, Taylor Della Rocco, sophomore, hops down the floor. "I didn't win the race, but it was a lot of fun to have everyone cheering me on," Taylor said. Calculator in hand to finish his homework, Drew Koesster, senior, goofs around during Spirit Week. "I liked the senior days better than the normal days. Tin foil rocked," Drew said.



handiwork

Pulling his weight in the sophomore vs. senior tug of war, Evan Lavery, sophomore, stands apart from the rest of his class. "I watched the tug of war last year, and it looked like a lot of fun, but the freshman did really bad," Evan said. "This year we beat the seniors. My hands were so torn up, it wasn't even funny. Next year we'll win it all."



a slice of play

With 56 weekends, two weeks of Winter Break and seven days of Spring Break, added to 180 school days you had **plenty of time** to play, either in school or at home.

■ What started off as a giggle from Jen Dubish, senior, soon turned into a **full-blown belly laugh** in Madame Mart-Webb's sixth hour French class. Minutes before the end bell rang, everyone was involved in their own conversations, filled with gossip, laughter and relaxation.

■ Mr. David Russell, English teacher, displayed your quote "Last night I played a blank tape at full blast. The mime next door **went nuts**" on his chalkboard for his sophomores and seniors to read all day.

■ After explaining the Spanish phrases on the back of your Honors Spanish 4 t-shirt to your curious friends, you **warmed up** by putting on your Speech hoodie in Miss Valerie Pflum's chilly classroom.

You had to play. The moments of work were disrupted by an infectious laugh, a funny mistake and the welcomed feeling of **finishing all your work**.

Common Denominator

Traveling from North to South wouldn't be the same without the Commons. Either stopping to chat with friends or waiting for a 3 p.m. Ping Pong match, the Commons provided crossroads to the school.

What does the Commons mean to you?

"It's the hub of the school with the hallways as its spokes. I like to pass through."

Natalie Banka, junior

"It's the place where I go to talk to my friends before school because I don't see them during the day."

Stephenie Brajak, senior



paper boy
Before school, seniors Lea Kilibarda and Jessica Brakulis listen to Zak Boswell, senior, read *The Times*'

sports page. "I liked reading about successful athletes from my school," Zak said. "It was always neat to read about people I knew."

story time

Before the lunch bell rings, freshmen Kristen Pagane and Gilroy Velasquez discuss their grades. "We talked about our sci-fi stories that we wrote for Mr. [Rob] McCall," Kristen said. "Mine was about a society where no one was allowed to talk."



A day in the life of the Commons

6:42 a.m.

Walking through the empty Commons, students headed to Mr. Dave Franklin's room for Project Bio heard their foot-steps echo loudly through the school. "I would normally be eating breakfast while I was walking in," Spelios Bacoyonis, senior, said. "It was so early I could hardly manage to chew, let alone make it all the way across the school."



Dan Albrecht-Mallinger and Steve Hus, seniors

8:39 a.m.

Leaving her first hour Multiculturalism class, senior Jessica Brakulis made her way to South for her second hour class. On the way, she crossed the Commons, but didn't stop to chat. "I had to make it to class," Jessica said. "I didn't have any time to sit with my friends. Seniors used to sit there between every class when I was younger. They must have been late everyday!"

10:56 a.m.

Compartment of her blue lunch tray empty, Colleen McIntyre, sophomore, finished in the lunchroom. Throwing out her trash, she headed to the Commons with her friends to catch up on the latest gossip at the end of B lunch. "I felt stupid sitting in the lunchroom after I was done eating," she said. "So I went into the Commons to talk."



Sara Pappas, senior



a day's work

With junior Brian Meyers and senior Brian Wujek watching, Steve Gorman, junior, tries to finish his Pre-Calculus homework. "I hadn't done it, and my friends were explaining to me how to do it," Steve said.

walk all over

Headed to her sixth hour class, Lauren Drosos, junior, leads a pack going from South to North. "I went from North to South a lot during my day, so I'd cross the Commons a few times a each day," she said.

sign language

Hanging up signs of encouragement for the football players, Marissa Slyvester, sophomore, gets a piece of tape. "Each week, we had to make signs to hang up to show our support," Marissa said. "It added to our spirit."



fair game

While challenging Mike Harker, junior, to a game of Scrabble during lunch, Tom l'Aliga, junior, considers his next move. "I brought in my board and set it up in the Commons when I was a guidance aide," Tom said.

11:53 a.m.

Studying his copy of *Jumuah* magazine, Ameer Elsalaymeh, junior, forgot the Chemistry book sitting next to him—as well as D lunch being served down the hall. "I'd rather go home and have an after-school snack," he said. Ameer worked daily throughout his lunch hour to complete all his homework for the next day. "If I worked in here, I had more free time at home," he said.

12:20 p.m.

Forming a circle of seniors in front of the Main Office, Emily Bradley, Brian Wujek and Elliott Eisman waited for the bell to signal the end of D lunch. "It would be too hectic in the lunchroom," Brian said. "We were able to get to our classes faster." Emily joined in—"We avoided people who sat at our lunch table that we didn't get along with when we waited out here," she said.



Arturo Pamaro, senior

2:17 p.m.

As soon as the bell rang, Arturo Pamaro, senior, turned on cell phone. He couldn't manage to keep it off most of the day, either. "I've gotten caught by Mr. King twice already and one of my teachers," Arturo said. "So once the bell rang everyday, I would get out my phone to see if anyone called me. But sometimes I never even turned it off to begin with."

2:58 p.m.

Her notes at her right, open Algebra 2 book and notebook in her lap, Olivia Enger, sophomore, sat under the "Pride in Excellence" pictures from 1992. She stayed there until 4 p.m. to practice with the chorus for Brigadoon—she had an hour to go. "I couldn't get a ride home," she said with a shrug. "Normally I went home and finished my homework there, but not today."

3:14 p.m.

Sitting on benches near a pillar in the nearly empty Commons, freshmen Emily Kittell, Megan Krueger and Jackie Kovach talked while waiting for the Poms to assemble for 3:30 p.m. practice. If they were lucky (and basketball wasn't in season), they had a spot in the Fieldhouse. On less fortunate days, they

practiced in the middle of the Commons. "The floor would be so slippery," Jackie said. "It was a weird shape too, so it made it hard to practice. There were no lines or anything to guide you; nothing to keep us in formation. If we could get the Fieldhouse, we definitely wanted to be in there."

joint effort
With Kevin Penman and Jordan
Sunderland, Lindsay Weiss as-
sembles Captain Hook's arm on the
junior float. "Almost the whole junior
class worked together on it," she said.

Time to Play



"I wasn't actually supposed to be in the tug of war, I just jumped in because we didn't have enough people and I wanted to guarantee a victory for the seniors. It was really embarrassing to lose to the juniors at the end."

Tom Grantner,
senior



"Being part of the pie-eating contest was fun, even if I didn't win. I ate almost the entire thing of the blueberry pie. It was really good."

Mitch LaRock,
freshman



"We wanted to show that the juniors were the most spirited of the entire school. Before the tug of war, we got it pumped by lifting me up. We ended up winning every single event at the pep rally. We owned Homecoming."

Monica Manowski,
junior



Week's events

Monday

1,417 students voted during Study Hall for the six member Homecoming Court announced at the end of 6th hour: seniors Brittany Bohling, Lea Killbarda, Taryn Lotak, Ali Nykiel and Jennifer Zgorka

Tuesday

At lunch, students donated change to Riley's Children hospital to raise money to toss a Pie in the Face at Friday's Pep session. Teachers Mrs. Linda Lemon, Mr. Brian Clark, Mr. Mike Coil and Assistant Principal Mr. Al Gandolfi ended up getting pied.

Don't rain on our Parade

Anticipating Homecoming week's Disney villains brought spirit, wackiness and a liberated mood to the halls. Students dressed up to add to the excitement of the coming weekend.

"It was something different to do. It was fun to dress up because it showed that you were participating in Homecoming and had school spirit, regardless if you were going to the dance,"

Katie Watterson, junior

"You get to dress up, being someone you're not for a week. How many times can you dress up like a rock star and not be stared at?"

Missy Kirincic, sophomore

"School spirit is a way to have fun and be crazy one week out of the year,"

Emily Diekelmann, senior

at her fingertips

Holding onto her bundle, Aisha Siddiqui, sophomore, offers \$1 balloons for sale. "We raised money for DECA from that," she said. "It covered all our meets."

"My dressing up was very mediocre. I only did the easiest days. I didn't have the time, money, or will power to get up and get things for spirit week. I did 'Super Hero Day' and 'Class T-Shirt Day' because they were the easiest,"

Ryan Gott, sophomore

"I dressed up for homecoming because my sister made me,"

Jenna Brakulis, freshman

"It's fun running around looking stupid. Any other time you'd look like a weirdo. Homecoming gave you a reason to be silly,"

Sam Torres, sophomore

ready and waiting

Instruments in hand, Mitch Schlensky, freshman, and sophomores Tony Markovich and Jovan Andjilich wait outside the Fieldhouse before playing at the Pep Session.



common wealth

Taking crepe paper from her fellow Poms, Kaitlin Ritchie, sophomore, decorates the Commons Thursday night. "The whole team organized it, without the help of our coach," Kaitlin said. "When everyone showed up on Friday, it was like the Homecoming fairy had visited the Commons."

Wednesday

The 11:17 a.m. start due to Parent Teacher Conferences allowed students to sleep in and prepare themselves for the upcoming weekend.



Thursday

Float building, which started Monday, was scheduled to end at 9 p.m. The Senior Class finished their "This is Our Kingdom" float with the help of Stephanie Brajak featuring Scar at 10:30 p.m. that night.



Friday

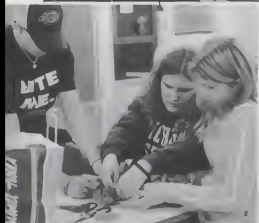
Student Body President Genevieve Grdina and Principal Steve Tripinfeldas checked the weather minutes before the pep rally's start. Rain and cool temperatures forced the Pep Rally indoors and cancelled the parade for the second consecutive year.

Time to Work



"My drawing of Scar for the centerpiece of the float took longer than I ever realized. We were still working way past the deadline of 9 p.m. on Thursday night. We didn't have that much help, but those who helped were so proud in the end."

Taryn Lotak
senior



"I helped pom the float everyday in the Industrial Tech room for at least two hours. It was fun. Everyone worked together well and in the end I think our float should have won, but we lost to the juniors."

Katie Stout,
sophomore



"Our float took hours. I spent forever with everyone else trying to get the entire top of Captain Hook's arm covered with poms. In the end, all the hours paid off when we got first place in the Spirit contest."

Brittany Lewis,
junior

flower power

On the football field after being announced Homecoming Queen, Stephenie Brajak, senior, accepts her flowers and reaches to give Ali Nykiel, senior, a hug. "My dad escorted me," she said. "He was so proud."

paint the town red

With junior Matt Westerland's help, Andrea Coulis, junior, transforms into a solidier by getting black shoe polish lines drawn on her face in study hall on Army Day. "Matt was trying to get me into the spirit of Homecoming, whether I wanted his help or not," Andrea said.



easy as pie

Face buried in a blueberry pie, Mike Sudbury, sophomore, eats his way to a second place finish at the Pep Rally. "If the pie had been chocolate, I would have won," Mike said. "I didn't eat breakfast that day."

trike a deal

Aiming for a first place victory, Austin Piech, sophomore, tries to get his bike ahead in the Pep Session tricycle race. "I was on a cheap plastic bike on an outside lane," Austin said. "Upperclassmen got metal bikes on the inside lanes. It wasn't exactly fair, but it was fun nonetheless."



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Don't rain on our Parade

"School spirit during Homecoming week was out of control. Everywhere you looked people were dressed up; one day you would see cowboys, another day you'd see people with tin foil on them,"

Akash Rusia, sophomore

"I would describe Munster's school spirit as crazy. Everyone goes all out and does the most outrageous things, but that's what I love about our school."

Eunice Ntiamoa, sophomore

"I think spirit is lower than other years. It seemed like less and less of the school's population took part. Maybe it's because the spirit days are becoming less creative,"

Laura Hruska, senior

"Freshmen probably get shy, but still like to get involved. Seniors have the most fun because it's their last year. Throughout the float building our grades really came together."

Andrea Coulis, junior

"Students might complain about their school a lot, but when someone else complains about it, people get defensive. School spirit really shows when students think their school isn't getting enough respect from others,"

Mary Carp, sophomore

"The students who participate in school sports or are really spirited and have no reservations about what their peers think of them are the ones who you can expect to dress up,"

Lizzie Browder, sophomore

"There are people who are really spirited and dress up for everything and go to all the games and then there are people, who do nothing. There's not many people who are in between,"

Jessica Beezhold, sophomore

"Some people are really good about it, but others are probably afraid of looking funny,"

Liz Vacendak, sophomore

Juniors' Captain Hook takes 1st



Sophomore Class: Jafar



Junior Class: Captain Hook



Senior Class: Scar

Spirit Daze

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Seniors:
80s Workout

Seniors:
Pirates

Seniors:
White Tees and
Tinfoil

Seniors:
Archnemesis

All classes:
Class T-Shirts

Underclassmen:
Super Hero

Underclassmen:
Cowboys and
Indians

Underclassmen:
Camouflage and
Army

Underclassmen:
Rock Star

the Champs

Floats:
1st Juniors
2nd Sophomores

Spirit:
Sophomores

Spirit Days:
Seniors

Pep Rally Events:
Juniors

Morning Stretch

Illuminated by only the emergency lights in the Food Court, seniors Marty Hernandez and Mike Svilar sat in a cold booth; the table littered with pencils, loose-leaf paper, worksheets, cereal bar wrappers and juice bottles from the recently opened breakfast bar.

Each working separately on their unfinished homework, the boys arrived at school a half hour early to frantically complete first hour worksheets that had been put off the night before.

"Waking up even earlier than normal was rough," Marty said. "But it was either that, or having my grade lowered because of an incomplete or something I didn't turn in at all."

With the lights flickering on overhead, and the traffic of students slowly filling the hallways, zero-hour orchestra student Bennet Cerven, sophomore, walked past the windows of the cafeteria towards North.

"We could always leave class early when we had a sub," Bennet said. "But you kind of didn't want to. After waking up so early, and rushing to get everything ready, it was irritating to find out that we had a sub and weren't going to play

anyway, I just wanted to stay to make it feel like there was a purpose for waking up that early."

While some students arrived at 6:30 a.m. for classes such as orchestra or Project Bio, some had to race to make up Mr. Hal Coppage's U.S. History tests.

"I think Mr. Coppage got to school at 5 a.m.," Jose Gutierrez, junior, said. "I don't even know what he did here that early. But if you wanted to make up a test, you had to get to school at least an hour before, otherwise, he may not have given you the chance."

Arriving at the quiet school simultaneously with Mr. Coppage, the Boys' and Girls' Swim teams made it to the pool at 5:30 a.m. for morning practice.

"There's like a quiet blanket that covers the school during the winter," Maggie Behrens, junior, said. "The parking lot is calm; there's nobody around. We would arrive so early that the sun wouldn't even be up yet. Then after school we'd have more practice, and then we'd never see the sun set. Every class I was in that had windows I would stare out of to get a little glimmer of outside."

Whether it was for a class, a test, a team, or even just to put make-up on in the bathroom, students found themselves being pushed beyond time limits to fit in every last detail of a busy schedule.



at first blush

After arriving late to first hour Economics, Karly Dytrych, senior, completes her make-up in class. "I had to add my eyebrows," she said. "But at least my hair was done in time."





within reach

Stretching out before getting in the pool, Jessica Brakulis, senior, prepares for 5:30 a.m. practice. "The hours didn't bother me," Jessica said. "It was bad if I didn't get to sleep early enough. But I managed."

lay low

Instead of taking advantage of time given in class to work on homework, Cara Briggs, sophomore, naps after an early morning swim practice. "Sometimes I'd be so tired in school," Cara said. "I would try to sleep when I had free time in class."



ash browns

Coming from church on Ash Wednesday, Hana Keil, senior, eats McDonald's for breakfast. "Having the Food Court open in the mornings was a big help when I didn't have time to eat at home," Hana said.

study buddies

Pens moving across the page, sophomores Chris Kolodziej and Jeff Heintz try to beat the 7:38 a.m. bell. "When I had health homework, I'd wait until the morning to do it," Jeff said. "I had to manage my time."



sit back and relax

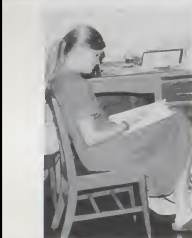
Resting before the first hour bell rang, junior Sarah Steele and seniors Alex Ruich and Joe Hunt talk in the hallway. "My first hour class was in South," Alex said. "We would hang out until we had to go to class."

pack rats

Before leaving for the Florida Keys, Elliot Eismen and Steve Hus, seniors, pack the Project Bio bus. "I wanted to help out as much as I could to prepare for the trip," Elliot said. "We had a lot of stuff to bring with us since we were going to be gone for so long. We had to pack everything very tightly."

hitch a ride

As she opens the door of the car to step inside, Allison Pilawski, junior, receives a ride home from school. "Katie [Brown, junior] gave me a ride home," Allison said. "I couldn't drive to school yet. Although it could be hard finding someone to give me a ride home, it was better then having to take the bus."



study habit

Behind the scenes of *Play it Again Sam*, Brogan Guthrie, senior, does her homework. "I tried to get my work done so I wouldn't have to do it at home when practice ended around 5 p.m.," Brogan said. "I pretty much always hung out in the same spot backstage working on it to be ready for my part."



bundle up

In front of the doors after the 2:17 p.m. bell on Thursday, Mike Nowak, senior, puts on his coat. "When the day was over I was more then ready to leave," Mike said. "The weather was getting bad so I wanted to keep warm on the walk to my car."



make a choice

Trying to catch up in her work, Sara Brown, junior, makes up a test after school. "I was absent a lot from school because I got sick very easily," Sara said. "I'd missed a few tests, so I had to talk with Madame Mart-Webb to find a good time to retake it."

helping hand

After struggling with his homework, Joe Jamnick, freshman, asks Mr. Larry Hautzinger for help. "I was having trouble finding the perases of polygons," Joe said. "Mr. Hautzinger worked it out with me step-by-step until I got the answer."

Pack it in

Tucked away in a Speech practice room, Molly White, freshman, ran over the lines of her oratorical interpretation piece one last time. She'd been in the tiny room for an hour, reading her eight-minute speech repeatedly to prepare for 3:30 p.m. practice with Mrs. Helen Engstrom, head coach.

"I'd practice with Mrs. Engstrom once a week," Molly said. "I'd spend a good hour getting ready before she came in so I'd be as perfect as possible. I'd try to work at home, but being at school in the practice rooms gave me so much focus."

While Molly worked on her speech in the after hours, teachers waited for students coming for help in Contact Time and the janitors started their cleaning routine. Once the bell rang, signaling the end of sixth hour, most students hurried their way to the parking lot to go home.

"I'd pretty much just get in my car and go home," Todd Loden, senior, said. "If I had anything, like a French Club party or DECA practice, I'd be there. But most days, I'd be home by around 3 p.m."

Across the spectrum from Todd, Shaheen Omery, sophomore, sat in the cafeteria a half an hour after the bell, waiting for his brother—"I was never really sure where he was," Shaheen said.

"I stayed here for [National Honor Society] tutoring, but I usually waited after it was over because I didn't like my bus," he said. "I had a schedule of my own,

but it worked in my plans."

On the opposite side of the school, the track team sat on the floor waiting for their bus to whisk them to an away game. Freshmen Allison Medina and Ruth Christopher gathered in a loose group of friends, talking "about a little bit of everything," according to Allison.

"Our coach always went over who was in what events, but it was mostly time to relax," she said.

Far from the main hallways where the track team sat, the fledgling Gay Straight Alliance met in the Resource Room. With notes scribbled on the boards, the 11 remaining members added final touches to their plans for a service project, a movie night and t-shirts.

"We needed to talk with Film Club about showing *Philadelphia*," President Amy Heaney, senior, said to her officers. "We also figured out our open house date and what our flyers should say."

As the clock hit 3:30 p.m., the meeting dissolved, but people still remained.

Back in the cafeteria, the extra hours tacked onto an already full day didn't bother Shaheen—he enjoyed himself.

"I was fine with being in the school. After school, it was more or less quiet. All the teachers seemed to disappear," Shaheen said. "It could be soothing and calming once everyone was gone."

Follow the leader

In the crowded fieldhouse, Coach Steve Lopez leads Girls' Tennis Team members Anna Guanzon, freshman, and Rohini Chatterjee, junior, in doing laps. "The weather was gross outside, so we just worked out together inside," Rohini said.





Places to go

Homecoming

Oct. 9
7 - 10 p.m.
"Once Upon a Time"
Student Government
sponsored in the Commons
\$16 Singles (48 tickets sold)
\$30 Couples (312 tickets sold)
365 Tickets sold

Niko Culic and Dani Blair, juniors

only have eyes for you

Taking a break, Egle Vaitiekute, junior, and Brennan Drosos, senior, dance to one of the slow songs played at Prom. "It was a nice rest from dancing fast," Egle said. "Plus it was sweet to see the boys' softer sides."

no sweat

With hopes of beating the blizzard, Angela Osterman, junior, with Collin Hayes, senior, arrives at Turnabout and slips out of her sweatpants and boots. "The snow was so bad when we left," Angela said. "I'm happy my mom made me take extra clothes."

Turnabout

Jan. 22
7 - 10 p.m.
"Saturday Night Fever"
Cheerleaders sponsored
in the Commons
\$17 Singles
\$35 Couples
237 Tickets sold

Phil Kompare, '04
and Ashley Brown, senior



Prom

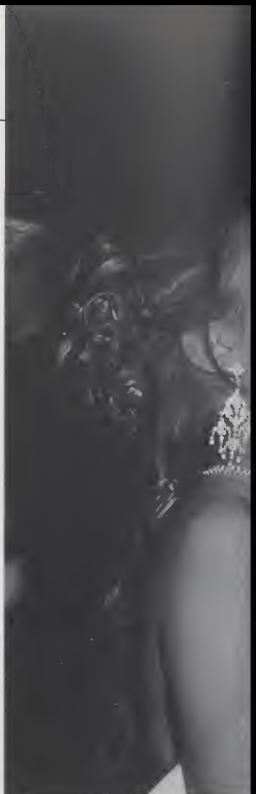
April 30
6 - 11 p.m.
"Diamonds are Forever"
Junior CEC sponsored
at Villa Cesare
\$35 Singles
\$70 Couples
476 Tickets sold

Katie Szafasz, sophomore,
and Chip Andrews, junior



line dance

Before entering through the archway at Homecoming, Warren Lane, sophomore, and Ann Seaman, freshman, walk down the hall to the dance. "It was the first dance I'd been to," Ann said. "With all the balloons lined up, it really made it feel like a scene from a fairy tale."



All Dressed Up Places to go

Adding to the already crowded waiting room at Vanis Hair Salon and Day Spa, Julie Bembenista, junior, and Brittany Bohling, senior, waited patiently while fellow Prom-goers came and went after getting their hair styled.

"The worst part was the waiting," Julie said. "You waited to get seated, and you waited for the up-do; but that part's fun because you get to see your hair go from nothing to beautiful."

Meanwhile, Brittany sat still while her hair was meticulously styled and curled.

"Sitting across from me was Erin Joseph [senior], and behind me was Jen Zgorka [senior]," Brittany said. "No matter how long I sat in that chair, I always had someone to talk to. Jen and I were both on Prom Court, and we had fun gossiping about who we thought would win."

While girls primped and prepared for each formal dance, boys got ready just in the nick of time, according to Colin Tomazin, senior.

"Before Homecoming, Turnabout and even Prom, all I had to do was shower, dry my hair and get dressed," Colin said. "Girls had it a lot harder. They took more time and spent more money. I just kept wearing the same suit, but I rented a tux for Prom."

From Homecoming to Prom, bargain shopping was a helpful must, according to Ann Seaman, freshman.

"For Homecoming I bought a \$68 dress," Ann said. "Afterwards we didn't do much at all. We went out and still had fun, but on a budget."

Maintaining a good time was easy,

except when having to deal with unpredictable weather and deep snow, Alexa Harris, junior, said.

"We hoped so much for good weather on Homecoming. But it rained on our parade and it was chilly Saturday," Alexa said. "But then Turnabout came along, and it made Homecoming look like a tropical vacation compared to the 16 inches of snow we had to plow through. Turnabout will always be so memorable now. I laugh every time I think of the girls with boots and sweatpants on under their gorgeous dresses."

From each unforgettable moment to the next, some of the most important memories were those spent with friends, according to Thomas Paliga, junior.

"Me and my friends would go nuts," Thomas said. "It didn't matter what music was playing, or how serious people were taking us, we just acted like freaks. We didn't care what anybody thought of us. We were being us, and I think that's what made the night."

After the last bobby pin was placed and the empty hairspray bottles tossed aside, both Brittany and Julie's up-dos were completed in record time.

"It didn't matter how much it cost, or how much time it took," Brittany said. "What mattered was the final result, and having a good time. That's what high school dances are all about."



Ready, Set, Go

Picking up his date's bouquet, Matt Goduth, senior, pays at Bohling's Floral. With the last bobby pin placed, Shobha Pai, junior, sits still while her curls are securely situated. Eye make-up being applied, Kaylen Huggy, senior, looks away while her liner is touched up before Homecoming. On the morning of the Homecoming dance, juniors Jordan Sunderland and Tamiko Toyama, try to finalize Student Government's decorations in the Commons.

at your request

At the DJ table, Eric Wallace, senior, and Mark Boeckman, junior, request a song and check over the playlist. "I liked a lot of music he was playing," Eric said. "But I kept trying to get the different types of music."

arrive on the scene

Stepping out of their limo at Prom, Julie Nelson, senior, and Joey Zagorski, junior, arrive at Villa Cesare. "We all wanted to go to Chicago afterwards, and none of us wanted to drive," Julie said. "There was a CD player in the limo and little stars on the ceiling that lit up."

fit for a queen

After being crowned Prom King and Queen, seniors Lea Kilbarda, and Prince Kwateng share the spotlight. "I don't remember being crowned at all," Lea said. "I was so shocked. I thought for sure it wouldn't be me."



A Different Tune

Dancing away from the crowd, juniors Lauren Lipton, Monica Manoski and Jordan Sunderland make their own space on the dance floor. **Hands held high**, Rachel Heinrich, junior, and Martin Blumberg, senior, sing and dance along with the music. **With arms linked**, Paige Popravak, senior, and Joel Schneider, sophomore, spin each other to "Cotton Eye Joe." **Settling themselves apart**, seniors Sarah Laymon and Christen Chapman dance together at Prom. **On the dance floor**, seniors Paul Malayer and Elena Alcalá move together.



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All Dressed Up Places to go

Separating the difference between Homecoming, Turnabout and Prom, students made changes to how they planned, primped and prepared for the way they approached each dance.

"I didn't go to Turnabout because it's not as big a dance as Prom or Homecoming. It seemed like a waste of money and a waste of time when you could be doing something better."

Emily Dicklemann, senior

"Dances weren't important to me. They could be fun, but some people made a big deal out of them that they were more stress than they were worth."

Jaime Zlamal, senior

"I was really boring. After Prom I slept, but after Turnabout we went out to dinner. I slept after Prom because it was my second one for that weekend."

Brandon Chynoweth, junior

"I spent about \$320 for Prom. Tux, pictures, dinner, stretch Hummer—it was more because we did extravagant things than other dances; but my date was worth it."

Scott Vandersteen, senior

"Prom was different because it was expected to be fancier than other dances. You had to get a limo, or go to a fancy restaurant."

Allison Chelgren, senior

out of line

Names announced and ready to walk, seniors Ian Lopez and Kate Shapiro begin their way around the Grand March in the Fieldhouse. "I liked walking in the parade," Kate said. "It gave you a chance to show off your dress."

"We had been planning Prom for a long time. There were a lot more things to plan than other dances: limo, where to go afterwards, what to do the next day, and finances. It all got done in the end though."

Jon Gonzalez, senior

"I was more anxious going to Homecoming for the first time as a freshman, and Prom as a senior is a lot more relaxed. I could just be myself and have fun."

Erica Ranade, senior

"After Turnabout we were going to go to Olive Garden, but they closed early because of the snow. We ended up going to Anthony's in Highland. We were in a limo, so driving wasn't a problem."

David Del Rio, sophomore

"I didn't go to dances because I was a freshman, and I didn't really know anyone. Plus, I didn't know if anyone would say 'Yes' if I asked."

Katie Kikalos, freshman

"We tried to beat the worst of the snow by going out to dinner before Turnabout."

Jarred Koessler, sophomore

hurry up and wait

Waiting to walk the Grand March, seniors Jeff Gaik, Lauren Guidotti, Hana Keil, Phil Resler ('03), Mitzi Smiljic and Rade Elek patiently wait. "We were next in line," Hana said, "but it seemed to take forever."



Break a Leg

Preparing for their last school performance March 11 for the Student Government sponsored Battle of the Bands, and assembling their equipment with two and a half years of experience and precision, Nocturne finally took the stage.

Senior members, Andrew Sharp, bass, Jason Gott, guitar and vocals, Drew Koessler, guitar and Matt Coduti, drums, broke the hushed chatter of the crowd with "Pain for Pleasure" by Sum 41.

"It's exciting being on stage in front of kids from school," Andrew said. "I've performed a lot, but Battle was the best response I've gotten from a crowd."

Despite their performance of "One" by Metallica abruptly being cut 30 seconds short because of time issues, Nocturne took first place for the second year.

"Placing first this year was better than last year," Jason said. "It was more nostalgic this time. We also performed last, so we had more time to prepare."

Named on a whim one night by senior members Paige Popravak and Erica Ranade, and 10 members strong, The Havana Knights, set themselves under the lights to play "C'mon C'mon" by the Von Bondies.

"Seeing a lot of people

rushing the stage and cheering for us was probably the best feeling in the world," Paige said. "Performing on stage in front of everyone made me feel like a superstar; at least up there it did."

Sitting center in the second row, Allyce Carlson, junior, listened intently to Broken Pick perform.

"They're amazing. Steve and Matt are friends of mine," Allyce said. "I've been to a lot of other shows, and Battle was definitely one of their good ones."

Keeping the superstar dream alive, and performing every weekend at small coffee houses, juniors Matt Donnowitz and Steve Alspach formed Broken Pick, along with Jake Kunz, junior, who played drums with them at Battle.

"My favorite song we played was 'Good Things' by The Bodeans," Matt said. "It's fun to play a song that everyone knows and can sing along," Steve said. "When I looked out into the crowd, I saw people I didn't even know singing the words to one of our original songs. It was special because it was an age group that can relate to the music."

keep the beat

With his band *Who's Next?* playing in front of him, Dan Johnson, soph-omore, keeps the beat of their set. "Placing third was huge," Dan said. "We practiced for months before it and that really showed in our performance."

Winner's Circle

1st **Nocturne**

2nd **Broken Pick**

3rd **Who's**

sing along

Cheering for the Havana Knights!, freshmen Nora Kish and Alesondra Mora, along with sophomores Berilyn Boswell, Emily Eagan, Katie Taylor and Alyssa Larimer sing along to "Come On Eileen" as the band continues their set.





strike a chord

While playing lead guitar for Sum 41's "Pain for Pleasure," Drew Koessler, senior, rocks out with his band Nocturne. "I've been playing for five years," Drew said. "Battle was awesome. It was so much fun to perform; it was the pinnacle of what I had worked so long for."

no strings attached

Strumming the chords to "Past Rejections," written by Broken Pick, Steve Alspach, junior, reminiscences on old feelings. "It would have to be my favorite song we played because of the climactic ending which draws out my emotions," Steve said.



within grasp

On his final set with band Nocturne, Jason Gott, senior, sings lead vocals to the song "One" by Metallica. "It was such an important song to all of us," Jason said. "To finish our last performance together with it was perfect."



two can play

Dually playing their guitars, Erica Ranade, senior, and Jarred Koessler, sophomore, play the driving force in The Havana Knights' ska version of "Come On Eileen." "This song was a lot of fun to play," Erica said. "Especially the faster version—it got you moving."

In Good Company

Sitting in the makeup room, singing made-up lyrics to the songs of the fall musical "Working" with freshman Kathryn Wadas, Eric LaMagdeleine, senior, waited for the 7 p.m. start of the show. Suddenly, stage manager Elizabeth Van Wieren, senior, and auditorium director Mr. Larry Brechner approached Eric with a desperate problem.

Ryan Blanchard, junior, had accidentally eaten some peanut butter—and was incapacitated by allergies. Ryan's part of the fireman, scheduled to appear midway in Act Two, couldn't continue—but the show had to go on.

"At first it wasn't certain if Ryan could go on or not, but I was informed that I needed to work on his lines just in case," Eric said. "Everyone was freaking out."

Throughout the show when it wasn't Eric's part as a corporate CEO, he sat in the makeup room and tried to memorize Ryan's three-minute dialogue with the help of his fellow castmates.

"Eventually, Ryan's dad came and took him home. I knew I would have to go on," Eric said. "We taped the sheet of lines inside my fireman's hat I was holding just in case."

Walking onto stage in Ryan's part, Eric "wasn't that nervous."

"Once I stepped off the stage, I was

practically assaulted by a group of castmates saying that I'd saved the show," Eric said. "I didn't think it was that big of a deal, I was doing my part. I copied what Ryan did during practices."

Eric's feat proved Munster Theatre Company's goal—students evolving and growing through their performances.

Student directors of the winter play "Rumors," seniors Chetan Chaubal and Martin Blumberg, discovered what they

Lean on me

After a long night, Allan Felix, played by Eric LaMagdeleine, senior, wakes up next to Linda, played by Amanda Kilbarda, junior. "I never left the stage the whole show," Eric said. "There was a lot of pressure on me to carry the show by myself. It wasn't nerve-racking; it was fun."

Call worked up

For the first act finale of "Working," sophomore Katie Taylor, seniors Paige Popravak and Amanda Pogach, junior Mike Hughes, freshman Molly White, senior Chetan Chaubal, and junior Saba Ahmed sing "If I Could've Been." "It was awesome with a whole chorus behind me," Molly said.



Behind the Scenes

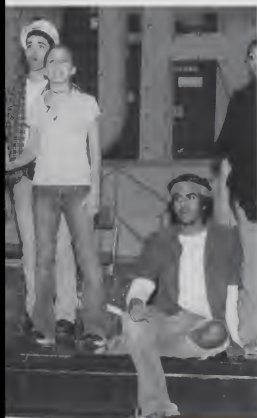
"For 'Rumors,' I wrote [directors] Chetan and Martin a thank you note, to thank them for the freedom I had with my character and for giving me the chance to have fun on stage one last time."

Genevieve Grdina,
senior

"I really enjoyed working in the sound booth. There was a fun group of people to work with but we had to be careful. There were a lot of instructions to follow so we couldn't goof around very much."

John Mihich,
junior





Play It Again, Sam

Novice Production

Dates: Sept. 31-Oct. 1

Student Directors: Erica Ranade
and Jenna Candiano, seniors

back off
Consoling his wife, senior Genevieve Grdina, Scott Vandersteen tries to calm her character down. "In this scene, I'd broken an expensive gift and hurt my back," Genevieve said. "Our characters were the oddball couple of the whole show. We had a lot of fun with it."

With a kiss, Amanda Kilbarda, junior, says good-bye to Eric LaMagdeleine, senior, at the end of the play. Trying to seduce freshman Justin Basile, dressed as Humphrey Bogart, Amanda Kilbarda, junior, loses herself in a fantasy sequence. Go-go dancer Stefanie Krasic, junior, dances with sophomore Joel Schneider.

In Good Company

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wanted to do in future while directing.

"We started thinking about doing the show about two years ago during sophomore year," Martin said.

Parts of the Neil Simon play had to change for vulgar content, so Martin and Chetan rewrote parts of the script over the summer to add in the character Polly Holly Alice Gingerberry III, a Girl Scout.

"I had to learn the personality of the characters to think of just how they would react to this new girl," Martin said. "It was amazing on opening night to see this figure of my imagination coming alive on the stage."

Both directors took away a different experience from the play.

"I wanted to try directing but I learned it wasn't my thing," Chetan said. "Martin realized it was something he wanted to keep doing with his life."

Being under the spotlight was all about new experiences—like the beginning players of the novice production "Play It Again, Sam."

"When I didn't know my lines at first, I had to go slow," said Amanda Kilbarda, junior, who played one of the leads, Linda. "When I got comfortable on stage, it was like 'normal Amanda voice!'

and I talked way too fast. Learning to get everything just right was so important."

When everything fell together for Amanda and her castmates on opening night, her co-star Bennis Pavisian, senior, was glad to have his lines down too.

"I had a hard time at rehearsals remembering everything," Bennis said. "We had to learn parts of Italian for this one part and I'd want to make them up. But I couldn't, I had to know the lines."

Senior Genevieve Grdina, Production Assistant, stressed the importance of this details down to every last word.

"What if someone in the audience knew Italian?" Genevieve said. "We had to make it real for everyone, for the entire audience, or we didn't do our job."

"It was different when an audience was out there," Eric said, still recovering from his turn in "Working." "Being in rehearsal was something entirely different than the real show. The audience changed that. Rehearsals were for you, and the performance was for them."

take note

Learning the song "Make Someone Happy," Ryan Blanchard, junior; Danielle Troumoularis, sophomore; and Joel Barnes, senior, rehearse their song for "Working." "It was one of my favorite pieces in the whole show," Joel said.



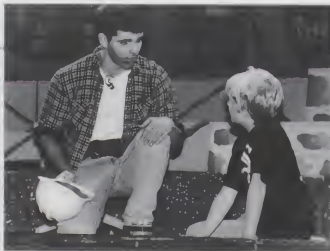
Working

Fall Musical

Dates: Nov 11-13

Student Director: Jen Dubish, senior

During the duet "Fathers and Sons," Mike Hughes, junior, sings to Jonathan Wachala, Wilbur Wright Middle School 6th grader. "I really got into my character," Mike said. "It was fun to sing a song like that to Jonathan especially since he was young. It made it easier." **Clipboard in hand**, Pat Thomas, senior, discusses the downfalls of being a UPS delivery man. **Voice rising in intensity**, Molly White, freshman, leads the choir in "If I Could Have Been." **Fireman and truck driver** Ryan Blanchard, junior, and Jordan Barnes, senior, sing the finale "Everyone Should Have Something to Point to."





Rumors

Winter Play
Dates: Feb. 10-12
Student Directors: Martin Blumberg
and Chetan Chaubal, seniors

Cringing at the doorbell, seniors Paige Popravak and Erica Ranade groan as new guests arrive. **Mexican cooks** seniors Patrick Pataky and Emilee Vandersluis, sophomore Katie Taylor, and seniors Emily Diekelmann and Amanda Pogach act out a fantasy sequence. **Hands burning**, Scott Vandersteen, senior, explains his accident in the kitchen.



Step by Step

Watching herself in the mirror, Kim Dooley, junior, stretched out to the sounds of "The Wedding Dance" by Lerner and Loewe. Sidestepping to the right, she considered whether that fit the excited movement of her character Jean.

"I'd try out the moves at home and then I would show everyone at rehearsals," Kim said. "We wanted the choreography to tell the story of the show, not just be something to look at."

Kim, the first student choreographer in the past seven seasons of Munster Theatre Company, filled the show with her original performances.

"I worked for hours a day to get the moves right," Kim said. "Then I'd teach all the dancers. I've danced for so long, I was able to show them how to move. Some girls were trained and some started from scratch."

"We had Kim throw together a dance for auditions," Auditorium Director Larry Brechner said. "Then when we were watching kids audition, we decided it was really good and we wanted her to work on the show."

"It was a challenge," Kim said. "I filled a notebook with dance after dance. I can't believe I managed to do it."

From Kim's messy notebook to opening night May 5, 144 students visited the stage of "Brigadoon."

The dancing was key, composing a

third of the two and half hour show—as well as good times backstage.

"Between our scene changes, Martin [Blumberg, senior] and I would have our own dances since we never got to dance on stage," said Lyndsay Langbehn, who played a lead role of Meg. "It was the little things like this that made a really strong family environment—the tension or pretense coming from anyone in the cast. People would be goofy and we had a lot of fun because of it."

Cast members who didn't sing or dance felt the unity.

"After my first scene on opening night, I walked off stage and Joel Barnes [senior] stopped me and said 'Scott, you're going to do such an awesome job. That was amazing,'" said Scott Goodwin, junior, who played the American lost in Brigadoon, Jeff. "After that moment, I had a smile on my face that never left."

Formal Affair

On their wedding day, Joel Barnes, senior, and Kim Dooley, junior, perform their solo dance. "This dance was my favorite because a lot of the action of the show lead up to it," Kim said. "And since it was supposed to be my wedding, I had so much fun deciding how we should dance."



early mourning

Tears in her eyes, Danielle Troumouliaris, sophomore, dances over Jordan Barnes, senior, after his body was found dead. Dances played a key role in showing the emotions of the characters.

facts of life

As part of her solo in the song "MacConnachy Square," Lyndsay Langbehn, senior, sings about life in Brigadoon. "Singing with the chorus behind me would always be exhilarating," she said.





love connection

Professing his love for her, Scott Vandersteen, senior, sings "There But for You Go I" to Heather Phipps, junior. "Tommy and Fiona couldn't stay together because of Brigadoon's curse," Heather said. "It was so sad to think that my character couldn't stay with the person she loved."



Brigadoon

Spring Musical

Dates: May 5-8

Student Director: Saba Ahmed, junior

Hidden away from the town of Brigadoon, Martin Blumberg, senior, marries Tommy, played by Scott Vandersteen, senior, to Fiona, played by Heather Phipps, junior. "My character was the teacher who knew the secret of Brigadoon," Martin said. "He acted as a priest so the main characters [Tommy and Fiona] could get married before Tommy left." **Lifted up** by the male party guests, sophomores Danielle Troumoulians and Chan Huynh, and junior Emily Clark, spin around in circles as part of "The Wedding Dance." **Swords ready** in anticipation, Jordan Barnes, senior, gets ready to place his weapons on the ground for "The Sword Dance."

in a crutch

At his first Mixed Ensemble concert, Trevor Clippert, senior, prepares to sing while balancing on his crutches. "I got injured playing football," Trevor said. "During the performance, I sat on a stool in front of the stage. It was weird singing away from the group."

puddle jumper

On the way to his car, Mike McNicholas, junior, steps into a puddle in the parking lot after school. "I wasn't really paying attention to where I was walking," Mike said. I was just trying to get to my car and go home. It was a rough day."

cold comfort

Standing in front of the class, Sarah Liszka, senior, blows her nose. "I had a bad cold," Sarah said. "It's not hard to believe I got sick. For awhile a lot of people were out of school because the flu was going around; it was only a matter of time before I caught it too."



put to the test

While retaking a photography test on developing film, Katie Stout, sophomore, pauses to reread a question. "The tests were difficult if you didn't try," Katie said. "If you just put in a little bit of effort you were usually fine. I learned the hard way with that test, however. I decided in the future I would study harder."

after hours

After school in Mr. Art Haverstock's room, Andy Bookwood, sophomore, serves a detention. "I hated serving detentions," Andy said. "It wouldn't have been so bad if I had other stuff to work on, but I didn't. That was the longest hour of my life."



Blue-Letter Days

Making his way to Student Services for the umpteenth time, Taylor Hopkins, senior, knew exactly why he was called down: a detention, a teacher complaint, an ISS, otherwise known as an In School Suspension.

"I wouldn't say I was having a bad day. I'd call it everyday; like it became part of the routine," Taylor said. "If I didn't go to school one day, I'd still make sure I'd get to Mr. Gordon's government class. He told me that if I missed one more day he was going to fail me."

Passing Taylor in the nearly deserted hallway, Eric McGill, sophomore, with his assistant to carry his books and backpack, left class five minutes early to be on time to the next one.

"My arm was in a sling for what seemed like years," Eric said. "It made getting around school, eating lunch, doing my homework, pretty much everything I did difficult. I had to rely on other kids to carry my stuff, and I didn't want to be a burden on them."

Bad days could sometimes begin before even getting to school, according to Phil Chan, senior.

"It doesn't happen often, but if you saw a green Toyota Four Runner speeding down Marigold Lane at 7:35 a.m., it was probably me," Phil said. "If I had to rush out of the house in the morning there was a possibility that I'd forget a book or a notebook, and that just set the tone for the rest of the day ...bad."

Whether getting to school in the morning was the problem, having a fever or cold only made things worse, according to Katie Stout, sophomore.

"I had heard that walking pneumonia was going around school, and you were more prone to getting it if you were already sick," Katie said. "I already had a cold, and wasn't feeling good as it was, and then I got walking pneumonia. It made for an eventful week when I had to carry around my own personal box of tissues, and worry about what disease I was going to catch next."

Throughout the school day, students encountered many of life's ups and downs, but found that that's what made life a little more interesting.

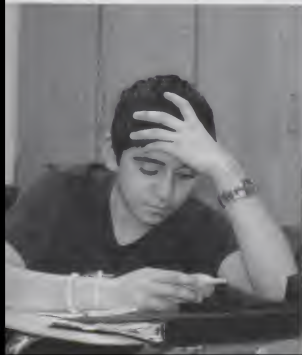
"The things that went wrong one day are what I talked about the next day," Katie said. "What would I have to gossip about if things always went perfectly?"

get physical

In the hallway outside Mr. Bruce Curme's classroom, Matt Westlund, junior, makes up his Physics test during class. "I'd been sick for a few days and I couldn't come after school," Matt said.

sight for sore eyes

After being elbowed in a basketball game, Adam Grunewald, senior, allows classmates to get a closer look. "Stephnie [Brajak, senior] was concerned about my eye," he said. "I knew it looked worse than it felt."



within arm's reach

Despite pain, injuries,
underclassmen help create
swiftest team since 1987

Though their shoes sunk into the mud, the conditions enthused and encouraged the boys Oct 16.

The Saturday downpour turned the New Prairie Semi-State course into a considerably challenging race, according to co-captain Murad Omery, senior.

"There was one portion of the course where you have to go into a ravine," Omery said. "The ravine filled with this mixture of sand, water and dirt. Whenever you went in it, it was just like quicksand. You just had to keep moving, or you were going to get stuck."

"The muddy and wet conditions provided a real challenge for all the runners because it demonstrated who could adapt and conquer whatever was thrown at them," Omery said.

The boys passed with a 14th place finish out of 20 teams—even without their No. 3 runner Brendan Georgas, sophomore, who sprained his ankle while attempting to execute a flip on a trampoline the night before Semi-State.

Close finishes and injuries followed the team the whole season. No. 1 runner Danny White, junior, injured his knee. A metal course marker at Conference fell and hit Omery on the head.

But the team didn't let the pain get

the better of them. After his head injury, Omery rallied from 35th place to 9th. At the same meet, White, despite his knee, went from 6th to 2nd place in merely 200 meters at the finish, providing his proudest moment of the season.

Performances like these had Coach Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright Middle School Science teacher, calling the team one of his speediest since he began coaching in 1987.

"If we added up all the lowest times and had they all been at the same meet, we would have been the fastest team in Munster history," Coach Brown said.

Though they didn't reach their goal of going to State, the boys felt no regrets.

"All of us ran as fast as we could," senior co-captain Aaron Pleitner stated. "We pushed through. We kept working hard and put our noses to the grindstone. We knew what we had to do."

Coach Brown pushed his team just as hard as the boys pushed themselves.

"There was no one runner I was more proud of than another," he said. "I was proud of them everyday. After the stuff I put them through, I can't pick one."



Boy's Cross Country (front row) Jacob Gerber, James Burgwald, Sam Kasmak, Ed Gier (second row) Blake Williams, Murad Omery, Matt Jones, Austin Piech, Brendan Georgas (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Aaron Pleitner, Jeff Justus, Eliot Bannan, Danny White, Blake Platt



don't move a muscle. Sweat dripping down his face, co-captain Murad Omery, senior, focuses on the finish line. "The Highland Invite was when I realized the best part of the race is finishing," he said.

moment of truth

“
Aaron Pleitner worked the hardest, always encouraging the freshmen to work. As a captain, he would huddle with us and get us ready to run.”

Blake Williams,
freshman

“
At the first meet, the team didn't know what to expect. Varsity was poor as a team and didn't perform. We got a wake up call that we had a long way to go. We kept moving up to that second place at Conference.”

James Burgwald,
freshman

Boys' Cross Country

Gavit Invite	6th of 7
Kankakee Valley	
Andean	
Lowell	4th of 7
Crown Point Invite	
4th of 5	
TF South Invite	
3rd of 13	
LAC 8 at Highland	
2nd of 5	
New Prairie Invite	
19th of 33	
Highland Invite	
4th of 20	
Kankakee Valley	
Invite	1st of 9
LAC at Lowell	
2nd of 12	
Sectionals	2nd of 10
Regionals	4th of 10
Semi-State	14th of 20

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come full circle

With words of encouragement, co-captain Aaron Pleitner, senior, pulls in his teammates for a pep talk. “We pumped each other up,” he said. “It got everybody mentally ready.”

a leg to stand on

Against a fence at Highland, Danny White, junior, stretches his thighs. “Even though I was tired, I still had to stretch,” White said. “The race would have gone badly if I hadn't.”



no sweat

Sprinting past his opponents, co-captain Aaron Pleitner, senior, forces himself to the finish. “You have to beat as many people as you can at the end,” Pleitner said. The team finished fourth out of 20 teams

two's company

On the heels of Austin Piech, sophomore, Eliot Benman, senior, forces himself to run faster. “If I didn't catch him, I was off varsity,” Benman said. He passed Piech in the last 100 meters of the race.

pushed to the limit

Girls pick up
momentum to qualify
for Semi-State

Mud. Flood. Sand. Three components added to the Girls' Cross Country Semi-State at New Prairie.

"It was raining like crazy," Tamiko Toyama, junior, said. "Right before 'Agony Hill' (the sand dune in the course) a huge river formed in the flooded creek. It was amazing and so much fun running through a huge flood in such crazy weather conditions."

Soaked to the bone, Toyama, along with the 13 other Munster runners, crossed the finish line at Semi-State, finishing 18th of 20.

"It was an amazing feeling to complete your race after running so hard," Toyama said. "But knowing our team's hard-work got us all the way to Semi-State was a rewarding feeling."

The team had plenty to be proud about, even as they were covered in mud. They finished 2nd of seven teams at Sectionals and 3rd of nine at Regionals.

"Each meet we improved times. We had hard workouts and it seemed to work," Head Coach Darlene Shike, said. "It's a challenge to get people to step up. People had to step up or sit down."

The girls decidedly stood up. Junior Jenny Jamacich broke a school record with 15:26 at the Highland Invite.

Seniors helped to unite the team, making the effort more than a time, score and number.

"Running was fun because we had such a close-knit team," Heather Haneman, senior, said. "We had fun practices in the summer; like when we ran on the beach. We would also get together outside of cross country, and eat breakfast the day of a meet, or have parties the night before. Our bonding time outside of practices made us a stronger team."

past the limit
Pushing themselves to the end, Alex Ruich, senior, followed by Alyce Carlson, junior, run 2.5 miles at the Highland Invite. "I was happy Alyce ran with me," Ruich said. "We pushed each other during races."

quick sprint
With a North Newton Lady Spartan not far behind her at the Highland Invite, Heather Haneman, senior, pushes herself ahead in the race. "Besides being physically capable of running," Haneman said, "you have to be mentally capable, too."



Girls' Cross Country Team (front row) Heather Haneman, Maritza Roque, Ashley DeVries, Alexandra Ruich-Rodriguez (second row) Angela Osterman, Tamiko Toyama, Amanda Rogue, Christina Bieda, Alyce Carlson, Stephanie Gallardo, Lauren Hudak (back row) Coach Darlene Shike, Desiree Cossyleon, Sarah Steele, Egle Vaitiekute, Jennie Jamicich, Courtney Huckaby, Manager Christina Benavente





pay dirt

Making her way through the Semi-State course, Jenny Jamcich, junior, tries to keep her mind on her footing. "The mud was like quicksand," Jamcich said. "If you weren't careful, you could get stuck, and it would ruin the whole race."

dirty work

Nasty weather conditions aside, Ashley DeVries, senior, continued to run hard at New Prairie Semi-State. "If anything," DeVries said, "the rain made you want to push yourself."



four the record

Finished with her race, Christia Bieda, junior, receives her place card after coming through the shoot. "It's a relief when you get done," Bieda said. "But it also fills you with adrenaline to run more."

moment of truth

“

I'll always remember Conference at Lowell. We didn't know what we would get overall, but (coach) Darlene gave us a really good speech that made us realize we had worked hard for this. We ran our hearts out.

”

Alex Ruich,
senior

“

It's always an amazing feeling to complete your race after running so hard. But knowing our team's hard work got us all the way to Semi-State, was an even more rewarding feeling.

”

Tamiko Toyama,
junior

Girls' Cross Country

- Crown Point Invite
2nd of 4
- Gavit Invite 5th of 9
- LAC 7 @ Lowell
2nd of 5
- TF South Invite
6th of 13
- LAC 8 @ Highland
2nd of 5
- Lowell Invite 2nd of 5
- LAC 8 @ Griffith
2nd of 5
- New Prairie Invite
19th of 34
- Highland Invite
4th of 15
- Kankakee Valley Invite
2nd of 9
- LAC @ Lowell 2nd of 9
- Sectionals 2nd of 7
- Regionals 3rd of 9
- Semi-State 18th

Record 78-57

moment of truth

“Stricken with injury, Brent Banach played unbelievably tough, always making big hits.”

”
Jon Funston,
senior

Varsity Football

Kankakee Valley 56-7
Gary Wirt 35-6
Highland 16-17
Griffith 14-44
Hobart 0-33
Morton 33-21
Lowell 7-36
Hammond 14-0
Andean 17-34

Sectionals

Hobart 10-27

Record 4-6

JV Football

Kankakee Valley 26-0
Highland 33-29
Griffith 14-52
Hobart 0-16
Morton 26-12
Lowell 26-14
Hammond 34-0
Andean 0-42

Record 5-3

Freshman Football

Kankakee Valley 0-8
Lowell 0-20
Highland 6-14
Griffith 14-44
Hobart 14-25
Morton 26-0
Lowell
Hammond
Andean 22-34

Record 1-8

learning fast
Securing the ball, Richard Meyers (12), sophomore, tries to evade being tackled just short of the end zone. Meyers coped with the pressure of playing varsity by listening and learning quickly. “I listened to the coaches as much as I could,” Meyers said. “I also tried to learn quickly from the other varsity players.”



thirst quencher
Taking a break, Shawn Spicer, junior, gulps down Gatorade from trainer Patrick Los, senior. Spicer stayed focused while waiting for his opportunity to make a play. “I just kept trying my hardest,” Spicer said. “I was always looking for things I could do to get us back into the game.”

there for support
With his crutches as support, Prince Kwatang, senior, cheers on his teammates against Highland. Kwatang injured his leg after the second game. “After I went down I just thought to myself, ‘What’s going to happen to the team?’” Kwatang said.



sidelined with injuries

Loosing key seniors forces team to shuffle lineup

Waiting on the sidelines, Prince Kwatang, senior, leaned on his crutches as he watched his teammates and the Highland Trojans line up for the field goal. With only 3 seconds left and his team up by 2, Kwatang closed his eyes.

As the clock hit :00, the kick flew through the goal post as Highland won 16-17. The team's hearts sunk as they lost to Highland for the first time in five years.

"I blame our season's weaknesses on the amount of injury," Kwatang said. "I realize we needed to further develop our line, but we were plagued with so many injuries that we had to play the underclassmen who weren't used to playing varsity level."

Being out for eight of the 10-game season, Kwatang could only sit on the sidelines and hope that the team and his replacement, Brent Banach, senior, could help pull off a victory.

"It was a real shock when Prince got hurt," Banach said. "We just had to come together as a team, and not blame the injuries for all our losses."

down and out

Down on the sideline, Brent Banach, senior, watches his teammates play. The team was disappointed by their loss to the Griffith Panthers. "I just sat on the sideline thinking," Banach said. "It was just so hard to sit there and watch the game fall apart."

With only two games under his belt, Banach found himself suddenly cheering with the rest of the injured members of the varsity team. Another fallen member added to the four already injured, which put more underclassmen on the line.

"I didn't think I was going to get to play this season," Richie Meyers, sophomore, said. "When I watched Brent go down, I was sad, but also my head was thinking 'this is my chance.'"

In the middle of a losing season, team unity and intense practices kept the boys looking for possible hope in the first game of Sectionals against long time rival, Hobart. But that hope proved short lived when they lost to Hobart 10-27.

"With such a diverse team it was hard for everyone to get along at first," Jake Ernd, junior, said. "After the first few

getting it going

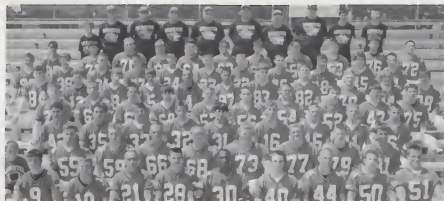
With his teammates huddled closely around, Brent Banach(9), senior, would lead the team in their pregame chant. "We had a chant that we said before every game," he said. "The chant got us fired up and ready to play hard and win."



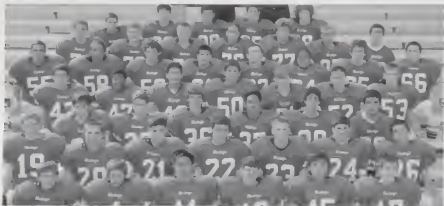
kicks away

Dropping the ball, Jon Funston, senior, punts on fourth down. Funston accomplished one of his goals with his record breaking 49-yard field goal in the Sectional game against

Hobart. "I didn't accomplish some of my personal goals," Funston said. "I set goals for myself at the beginning of the season and used those to stay focused throughout the season."



Varsity Football (*front row*) Brent Banach, Brandon Platt, Jon Fisher, Chris Selent, Prince Kwatang, Zak Boswell, Kyle Bechik, Nick Murphy, Ryan Dillner (*second row*) David Porter, Joe Dwaes, Mark Ballicki, Tom Grantner, Thomas Simmons, Brian Rubesha, Trevor Clippert, Kevin Strbjak (*third row*) David Snuckel, Ken Florek, Taylor Del Rio, Nick Volkman, Jose Gutierrez, Jake Ernd, Tim Lukoshus, Billy Stuart, Erich Maul (*fourth row*) Max Topete, Nick Burchfield, Zack Glasen, Nick Benedek, Alex Peck, Brian Meyers, Ricky Paulson, Tony Jurkash, Pat Higgins, Alex Lebo, (*fifth row*) John Strong, Rich Meyers, David Fandl, Greg Blair, Joe Wings, Tom Ramus, Joe Bridgeman, Shawn Spicer, Lance Surma, Adam Bissonette, Ryan Burns (*sixth row*) Jake Groszek, Jon Velcheck, Tom Mambourg, Alex Bilse, James Han, James Hesterman, Zac Curtis, Cam Selent, John Bugajski, Mike Schramm, Kevin Donahue (*seventh row*) Mike Fisher, Kyle Harker, Kevin Thorp, James McKeon, Jereme Magsaysay, Zack Oswald, Cory Dillner, Pete Jurich, Andy Jonelis, Andy Paliga, Phil Chiang (*back row*) Patrick Doherty, John Doherty, Coach Ryan Riddle, Coach Rob McCall, Head Coach Leroy Marsh, Coach Bob Shinkan, Coach Brian Clark, Coach Keith Maddron, Brian Harrigan, Pat Los



Boys' Freshman Football (*front row*) Steve Soeka, Eric Soeka, Alex Rosales, Joey Dobold, Nick Yi, Mitch Malone (*second row*) Nolan Slikko, John Jurkash, Jeremy Aponte, Kevin Watson, Alex Brajak, Trevor Bozich, Jeff Florek (*third row*) Keaton Aktay, Joe O'Brien, Ken Hamilton, Marc Campos, Joe Abu-Aita, David Ramirez (*fourth row*) Brett Bertagnoli, Josh Cooper, Gilroy Velasquez, Allen Bradanic, Pat Howard, Steve Beatty, Nick Gillund (*fifth row*) Mitch LaRock, Walter McDonald, Ted Hanak, Ian Pavnick, Anthony Aguilera, Darrell Dorich, Tim Qualls, Marco Sretenovic (*sixth row*) Dan Crough, Jacob Biscan, Jeff Bragiel, Charlie Bragg, Matt Thompson, Evan Maul, Brett Keeler (*seventh row*) David Nootens, Mike Hluska, Gabe Harangody, Max Tratar, Brandon Miller (*back row*) Mike Mikolajczyk, Matt Backs, Brian Vance



words of wisdom

Concerned Coach Leroy Marsh, health teacher, explains the upcoming play. Coach Marsh had to play underclassmen due to the injuries. "The younger boys didn't have the experience I'm used to," Marsh said. "But I was impressed by their spirit."

buddy system

Congratulating senior Jon Funston on his last kick, Prince Kwatang, senior, lends his support. "It was really heartbreaking," Kwatang said. "It was so hard for me to just sit on the sidelines while my team struggled through the season."





sidelined with injuries

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games though, everyone accepted others no matter what grade they were."

With the key senior players out for the season, Coach Leroy Marsh looked to a new strategy of using underclassmen with less experience.

"When you lose quality players you have to reconfigure your offense and defense," Coach Marsh said. "We had to start passing more on the offense and blitzing more on the defense."

Gaining experience as a sophomore, Joe Wings trained himself with his senior teammates. But with all the younger boys playing ahead of the seniors, bitterness between team members began to rise.

"We had some issues," Wings said. "At first no one wanted all the sophomores to play, but once we lost our key players, we had no other choice and I think they just decided to accept that."

Looking for a break
Running against his Griffith defender, Chris Selent (35), senior, tries to get open for the pass. The team lost to the Panthers Sept. 10, 14-44. "It was really disappointing," Selent said. "After that loss it was hard to pick ourselves back up and play again."

Even with a 4-6 record, the team pulled off wins in the two biggest games of a senior's career, according to Brandon Platt, senior. They managed to crush Gary Wirt 35-6 to win their Senior Night game and they defeated Hammond High in a Homecoming celebration, 14-0.

"Senior night was really amazing," Platt said. "You wait and play four years of football for it all to come down to this one night and then to win it just made it that much better."

With a disappointing season behind them, Coach Marsh reflected on the positive side of the season.

"The season was definitely a disappointment," Coach Marsh said. "But I couldn't have been happier with the effort, enthusiasm and altitude that the players had until the end of the season."

narrow escape
Running from defenders, Ken Florek, junior, gains crucial yards during the Homecoming game. Following a senior's injury, Florek filled a starting position. "Getting the chance to start as a junior was exciting," Florek said. "It helped me become a better player and it will help for next year."



hitting his mark

Searching for a receiver, Jake Ernd, junior, scans the field. Ernd relied on seniors' encouragement to play during tough times. "I prepared a lot over the

summer and with the coaches before every game," Ernd said. "The seniors always encouraged me and told me not to get frustrated."

Stepping it up

Catching a pass between two defenders, Chris Selent (28), senior, steps into the end zone. Selent knew he had to play harder to compensate for injured players. "I saw a big void left when players like Banch and Kwateng went down," Selent said. "I figured that I just needed to step up my game that much more without them."

lay it on the line

Girls earn reward feast
for surpassing school record

As junior Jennifer McCreight walked onto the 17th hole at Regionals, she had high hopes to leave the Beach Wood course qualifying for Semi-state. Teeing off, her ball unexpectedly bounced to the right — directly behind a tree.

Trudging into the woods, she hit her ball out, only to find herself behind another tree. From there, she hit into another hole — literally. McCreight walked off the 17th at four over par.

"Mr. Davidson [Industrial Tech teacher] told me if I could make my putt, I could make it to Semi-State," McCreight said. "Later I found out I would have still missed it by a stroke. And that was it."

McCreight shot an 88, with 86 qualifying. This end to their season wasn't par for course. While McCreight was the fourth girl in Coach Jim Davidson's tenure to advance to Regionals, the entire team came 11 strokes close to qualifying.

"It's frustrating to know we missed our chance," Coach Jim Davidson said of their 5th place out of 11 teams.

While McCreight achieved her Regional goal, the team traveled to Sandy Pines Sept. 10 to compete in Conference for the second consecutive year.

The girls' 362 set a school record for the fourth lowest score, with all four girls hitting under 100.

"I've never had it happen in all my seven years of coaching," Coach Davidson said of the girls' performance. McCreight shot an 84; sophomore Hallie Gibbs 87; sophomore Mara Maddocks 92; and senior captain Kelly Yurasovich 99. He rewarded them with a visit to House of Kobe — but they earned more praise than just a Japanese dish.

Maddocks won the Most Improved award, dropping eight strokes this year.

"My number one goal was to break 100," Maddocks said. "And I did it."

Yurasovich, captain and the only senior, earned First Team Academic All-State, only one of 15 girls chosen.

"It was good to have my hard work in academics pay off," Yurasovich said.

Walking off the course at Regionals, McCreight knew her hopes for State would have to wait another year. That didn't mean that her game was over for the year. Two weeks later, McCreight found herself as part of the Post-Tribune's All Area Conference team — placing her in the Top 10 girl golfers of the area.



Girls' Golf Sarah Johnson, Coach Jim Davidson, Emily Beezhoid, Laura Hennig, Natalie Manchak, Jennifer McCreight, Dara Oni, Mara Maddocks, Sarah Grabarczyk, Lauren Menghetti, Kelly Yurasovich, Hallie Gibbs

short and sweet

Wedge in hand, Mara Maddocks, sophomore, plays her short chipping game. "Too many people didn't think they needed to work on their short games, so I decided to perfect something everyone else overlooked," she said.





seeing green

With Coach Jim Davidson advising, sophomore Lauren Menagetti crouches on the green to see her available shots. "I just started playing golf this summer," she said. "Coach Davidson gave me pointers on how to become a better golfer, like how to tee off and how to putt."

standing her ground

Preparing to hit the ball, Hallie Gibbs, sophomore, concentrates on her game at Wicker Park. "Practicing every day helped a lot," she said. "We were usually there every day except Sunday, playing for 45 minutes to an hour. Before a game, we would play 9 or 18 holes, and that took a couple of hours, but it helped."



fair play

Watching her ball go down the fairway, captain Kelly Yurasovich, senior, hits at Wicker Park. Being the only senior on the team, Yurasovich bonded with her younger teammates. "McCreight and I practiced together a lot," she said. "At the end of the season, she made me a card saying how much she was going to miss me."

having a ball

Pointing the golf ball logo toward the hole, Jennifer McCreight, junior, lines up her putt on the first hole at Briar Ridge. "It's easier to aim the putt because your eyesight doesn't distort it when looking from above," she said. "This way, I knew it's aimed correctly." McCreight took lessons to improve her putting. "I was good from four feet or from 30 feet," she said. "But from around 15 feet, I never had any luck and I had to work on that."

moment of truth

“

I'll remember LAC when we all shot under 100. Everyone tried really hard during the game and we were expected to win. It was exciting that everyone shot such low scores.

”

Hallie Gibbs,
sophomore

Girls' Golf

Andean,
Calumet 1st
Wheeler 1st
Portage,
Michigan City,
Marquette 2nd
Lowell, Hobart 1st
Kankakee Valley,
Bishop Noll 1st
Crown Point 1st
Hanover Central 1st
Lake Central 2nd
Chesterton,
Portage 3rd
Lowell 1st
LAC Tournament 1st
Merrillville,
Calumet 1st
Valparaiso,
Andean 2nd

Lake Central Invite
4th of 10
Kankakee Valley
Invite 6th of 19
Ronsseleer Invite
7th of 17
New Prairie Invite
5th of 9

LAC Champs: 362

Sectionals 6th of 12

Record 12-6

All Conference

Medalist:

Jennifer McCreight

All Conference

1st Team:

Jennifer McCreight,

Hallie Gibbs, Mara

Maddocks, Kelly

Yurasovich

Regional Qualifier:

Jennifer McCreight



moment of truth

“

No matter how the day at school went, I would actually look forward to going to practice and hang out with these guys.

”

Bojan Rajkovic,
senior

Varsity Soccer

Clark 6-2
Highland 4-2
Portage 4-2
Morton 5-2
Chesterton 3-2
Andean 4-0
Crown Point 4-3
Bishop Noll 7-1
Valparaiso 1-3
East Chicago 0-0
Lake Central 2-0
Griffith 5-0
Gavit 4-0
Wheeler 7-1
Hobart 1-0
Merrillville 3-2

Sectionals

Hammond 4-0
East Chicago 2-1

Regionals

Lake Central 1-2

Record 16-2-1

JV Soccer

Highland 1-0
Gavit 8-0
Portage 4-1
Hanover Central 3-0
Chesterton 1-2
Andean 1-0
Crown Point 0-0
Bishop Noll 6-1
Valparaiso 1-4
East Chicago 1-0
Lake Central 2-1
Griffith 8-0
Wheeler 0-0
Hobart 3-0
Merrillville 10-0
Record 12-3

shock and awe

Standing on the sidelines at the Valparaiso game, Jared Flahaven (3), senior, and Pete Brousalis (14), sophomore, watch time run out. "Valpo was in the lead," Flahaven said. "Pete and I just couldn't believe it."

tired but true

In the heat of the moment, co-captain Jon Funston, senior, prepares for a throw in. "In crucial moments I felt that I could make a better decision on where to put the ball," Funston said.



Boys' Varsity Soccer (front row) Pete Brousalis, Jay Lucas, Jon Funston, Mike Hawryszkow, Chip Andrews, Niko Culic, Tom Sapyta (second row) Danny Petrovic, James Mehok, Bill Marinakos, Paul Leitelt, Joey Domenico, Leo Giannakis, Alex Stariha, Dan Grunewald (back row) Coach Ron Moore, Kevin Hoffman, Adam Grunewald, Bojan Rajkovic, Jared Flahaven, Nick Shelton, Coach Jim Prasopoulos



Boys' JV Soccer (front row) James Mehok, Sonny Marcetic, Stephan Coric, Alex Sakelaris, Jeff Reuter, Kyle Stuart, Billy Hasse (second row) Coach Ron Moore, Eric Nelson, Timothy Lev, Grant Felgenhauer, Adam Cooper, Brian Schmidt, Juan Carlos Ceja, George Vezmar (back row) Brandon Ruiz, Nick Stoffregen, Chris Witter, Josh Vega, Bennet Cervan, Joe Sholtz, Michael Vey

wishful thinking
Concentrating on the game at hand, Chip Andrews, junior, considers his next move. "The ball was down at the other end of the field," Andrews said. "The score was tied up, and I had to keep my mind in the game."



sight for sore eyes

Strong season
ends unexpectedly
at Regional upset

Sweat dripped from senior Dan Grunewald's face as he knelt on the field. The score board's numbers had changed from a tied 2-2 game against Chesterton to 3-2.

With 22.6 seconds left, Grunewald beat the clock to score the game-winning goal off a volley.

"After I scored," Grunewald said. "I felt a burst of energy in my body, so I ran 3/4 of the field and then kneeled down. I couldn't believe the adrenaline rush."

The fifth consecutive win in early September set the mood for the rest of the season, according to co-captain Paul Leitelt, senior.

"You never know what's going to happen at the beginning of the season," Leitelt said. "This game set the tone for the rest of the year."

Nine games later, the boys' record stood at 14-1. According to co-captain Jon Funston, senior, the upcoming Sectional and Regional games looked promising.

"We were picked to win in Regionals," Funston said. "And knowing we beat (Hammond and East Chicago) in the Sectional games made us feel anything was possible."

Four minutes into the second half of the Regional game against Lake Central, Grunewald broke the 0-0 tie with a header into the goal.

"When Grunewald scored off the header," Funston said, "I can honestly say every senior had tears in their eyes because we thought we had it."

The unpredictability of a shoot-out at Regionals turned in Lake Central's favor when the boys missed the first, second and fifth penalty kicks.

"We had the lead," Jay Lucas, senior, said, "but we didn't preserve it. It only takes one goal to win a game."

Though the boys won four of the last five Sectional titles, they were unable to progress further than Regionals.

According to Coach Jim Prasopoulos, West Lake Special Education teacher, success should be measured by how consistent a player is from game to game.

"It's up to the individual what a successful season is," Coach Prasopoulos said. "The season is more about the relationships between teammates, and between players and coaches. To me, that's what success is about."

steal the show

On the offensive, Dan Grunewald (22), senior, fights for ball control. "Eye and foot coordination was important," Grunewald said. "We perfected it at practice, and it helped our footing during games."



hand over fist

Performing their pregame ritual, seniors Adam Grunewald (5) and Jay Lucas greet each other before the Valparaiso game. "Fist-pounding was like our last-minute 'psyche-up,'" Lucas said.

moment of truth

“

When we won Sectionals and defeated Crown Point in the nerve-racking 'sudden-death' shoot-out, all of the fans came onto the field. It was the most amazing feeling for our team.

”

Sara Schulte,
senior

Varsity Soccer

Lake Central 2-1
Evansville Tourney
Castle 0-2
North 1-3
Evansville Harrison
0-2

Portage 2-0
Hobart 0-2
Harrison 3-0
Highland 2-2
Valparaiso 1-0
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Michigan City 4-0
Griffith 2-3
Merrillville 6-0
Lafayette Jeff 1-1
Andrean 1-3
Crown Point 0-0
Morton 9-1

Sectionals

Lake Central 2-0
Highland 4-2
Crown Point 1-0

Regionals

Morton 2-0

Semi-State

Andrean 1-0
Concord 0-1

Record 16-7

JV Soccer

Lake Central 1-2
East Chicago 3-1
Portage 2-1
Hanover Central 7-0
Hobart 7-1
Harrison 1-1
Highland 0-0
Valparaiso 0-1
Kankakee Valley 4-0
Michigan City 9-0
Griffith 3-0
Merrillville 6-0
Lafayette Jeff 0-1
Andrean 2-3
Crown Point 0-2
Morton 14-0

Record 12-4



Girls' Varsity Soccer (front row) Angela Banas, Danielle Flores, Chrissy Domenico, Kim Price, Anne McShane, Emily Yaeger (middle row) Sara Schulte, Taryn Lotak, Lauren Lipton, Elena Falloon, Ali Nykiel, Erin Goodman, Jen Conley (back row) Coach Valerie Pflum, Stefanie Dohman, Melissa Jurich, Julie Bembenista, Stephanie Hoffman, Kate Varnum, Hana Keil, Coach Tim Sopko



Girls' JV Soccer (front row) Mallory McShane, Kristina Carlson, Amanda Scott, Kim Price, Kristine Kovach, Lauren Blazevich, Tieg Alexander (second row) Karen Gouwens, Bailey Remece, Tatiana Bozovic, Sophie Griggs, Leah Kozlowski, Allison Medina, Amy Fuhs, Meghan Guthrie (back row) Coach Valerie Pflum, Kristen Pagane, Amanda Schulte, Alana Phelan, Erin McIntyre, Katie Waterson, Coach Tim Sopko



in the line of duty

Pumping each other up before a home game, Hana Keil, senior, fist pounds her teammates when her name is called over the loud speaker. "It's something we did to get each other ready," Keil said. "We'd scream 'Oh, Munster! Show 'em that we're ready!'"

jumping at the chance

Perfecting her technique on catching, co-captain Julie Bembenista, junior, warms up before a home game. "Having a strong warm-up was very important to me," Bembenista said. "I think that if you don't perform at your best during practice, you won't perform your best during a game."





thrown for a loop

Unexpected
post season play
ends at Valpo Semi-State

Stepping up to kick the ball in a sudden death, Stephanie Hoffman, junior, knew her kick needed to break the 0-0 tie.

She kicked high and wide, "just what you don't want to do," Hoffman said. She expected a miss.

Hitting the goal post and ricocheting off the goalie's back, the ball bounced directly into the goal.

"I'll remember Hoffman's penalty kick vs. Andrean," Chrissy Domenico, senior, recalled. "I thought she had missed it, but thankfully, it went in."

Reliving the events of the first Semi-State game in Valparaiso brought a smile to Domenico's face. But that was not the only happy memory.

"I brag that we were the underdogs who defeated the two best teams in the area: Crown Point and Andrean,"

in good hands

Looking for an open teammate to throw to, Erin Goodman (13), sophomore, launches the ball onto the field. "We would practice overhand throw-ins to improve our aim," Goodman said. "When it came time to do them at a game, it really helped."

Domenico said. "We worked together and didn't rely on one single person."

A first glimpse of a near perfect season showed against Lake Central. With a 2-1 score, the Red Dawgs beat Lake Central for the first time in five years.

By the end of regular season, the girls had an 8-6 record.

After defeating Crown Point 1-0 at Sectionals, the team triumphed over Morton 2-0 at Regionals. The first Regional Championship in the school's history qualified them to play Andrean at Valparaiso Semi-State. Prevailing again with 1-0, they played Concord next.

"We lost to Concord by one goal in the last 10 minutes of the Semi-State final game," Sara Schulte, senior, said. "We accomplished so much this year, but to come so far and miss State by so little was very sad. None of us were ready for our season to end."



lean on me

After spraining her ankle at the Highland game, Melissa Jurich (7), senior, is helped off the field by Coach Tim Sopko. "I went to do a foot tackle, while the rest of me went forward," Jurich said. "It was frustrating because I had to sit out for a couple of weeks. I wanted to get up and play, but I couldn't."

talk in circles

Rounded up before a game, the girls cheer to psych themselves up. "It was our ritual," co-captain Ali Nykiel, senior, said. "Julie would get into it hard-core. I really enjoyed her enthusiasm. It was good times."



moment of truth

“It's not one player, it's the whole team. When you play with a team where everyone is that good, everyone has equal value.”

Eric Appelsies, senior

Varsity Tennis

Hobart 5-0
Lake Central 4-1
Andrean 4-1
Carmel 0-5
Zionsville 3-2
West Lafayette 1-4
Kankakee Valley 5-0
Highland 3-2
Griffith 5-0
Lowell 4-1
Crown Point 4-1
Merrillville 4-1

LaPorte Invite
LaPorte 4-1
Penn 0-5
Valparaiso 2-3

Sectionals

Morton 5-0
Lake Central 4-1

Regionals

Highland 2-3

Record 13-5

Conference Champ
Sectional Champ

JV Tennis

Hobart 2-0
Lake Central 7-7
Andrean 5-0
Highland 5-7
Griffith 5-0
Lowell 7-2
Valparaiso 5-5
Crown Point 9-3
Merrillville 7-3

Record 6-3

labor of love
Sectionals trophy in hand, No. Two player Naveen Chaubel, sophomore, reflects on the team's victory. "It was a good win," he said. Losing last year's seniors hurt the team, but the sophomores "picked up the slack," according to Chaubel.

in the swing of things
Getting ready for another practice No. One player Tom Cafmeyer, sophomore, warms up by fore-handing the ball. "Practice was always three hours a day, Monday through Friday," he said. "For three months, I lived tennis."



gimme five

Before a match, captain Jason Gott, senior, high fives his teammates while running up and down the lines. "At the end of the lines, we would give each other chest pumps," he said. "After we were done, the coach would give us a pep talk and we would be ready for the game."

back it up

Mouth open wide in concentration, No. three player Eric Appelsies, senior, backhands the ball across court. "We warmed up so we could get our strokes down," Appelsies said. "When that shot came up in a game, we had practiced enough to know how to hit it."



close at hand

Conference Champs
come up short at Regionals

As the crowd gathered around sophomore Tom Cafmeyer's third set, the Boys' Tennis Team knew his points would determine their Regional title.

In his first set, Cafmeyer, the number one singles player, suffered a 3-6 loss to Highland's No. One Danny Tzanetakos. In the second, he "stepped up," according to Coach Steve Lopez, history teacher, to win 6-4.

By this point, the boys had won two and lost two of their five games. Cafmeyer's was the final match — and his match split down the middle.

So the crowd watched, waiting to see which No. One player would break the tie. Highland prevailed — 6-4.

"It was probably the lowest point of Munster tennis in 13 years," captain Jason Gott, senior, said. The team reigned as Regional Champs for 13 consecutive years before the Oct. 5 upset.

"Not only did we lose it, we lost it to Highland. We'd beaten them earlier in the year and it was to Highland, the arch-enemy," Gott said.

"The season ended on a sour note," Coach Lopez agreed. "No loss to Highland ever sits well. But they have to live with that loss for a full year, and they have to want to avenge it."

While the frustration burned, that

didn't change Cafmeyer's effort.

"He played like a regular No. One player and took his challenger to three sets," Coach Lopez said. "There were some questionable calls on Highland's part. I believe he won."

Cafmeyer didn't know the exact moment that he lost his game, but he said that he didn't play as solid as he had at previous matches.

"I was pretty confident the day before. We were the favorites," Cafmeyer said. "Everyone was really mad not to be in the Semi-state Tournament."

Not all the season matches disappointed like Highland. Cafmeyer and the No. One doubles team of senior Mack Rawden and sophomore Tony Kanavos earned the honor of All-District Team Honors. The doubles team lost only one match in the Region to Merrillville.

Though the 13-5 record still brought smiles to the boys' faces, the loss to Highland still hung heavy.

"The Highland match was the pinnacle. It defined the season," Cafmeyer said. "That's how it's going to be looked back on."



double trouble

Intently focused on his game, No. one Doubles player Mack Rawden, senior, volleys back the ball. "I really had to keep my concentration in the games," he said. "Sometimes I didn't notice what I was doing, like having my mouth wide open."

Boys' Tennis (front row) Jason Gott, Ravi Shah, Naveen Chaubel, Eric Appelsies, Tony Kanavos, Tom Cafmeyer, Andrew Kitchell, McKenzie Rawden, Chris Bakker, Phil Chan (middle row) Mike Curran, Jon Richardson, Akash Rusia, Denny Lee, David Chen, Jeff Chou, Alex Galante, C.J. Gonzales (back row) Coach Steve Lopez, Pat Behrens, Jordan Zawrony, Casey Jedzejczak, Danny Alexander, Frank Paulson, Rohan Bhagwat, Mike Hlebasko, Grant Huebner, Assistant Coach Steve Moell

ground work

Adjusting to new coach,
girls suffer growing pains

Watching her team set up once again on the volleyball court, Monica Monoski, junior, sat with anticipation as yet another time-out against Morton went to waste. With balls continually falling to the floor, Monoski tried to get the team up from their chairs to cheer the girls on.

"Senior Night against Morton was very emotional for us," Monoski said. "We were all so close. We made sure to play hard and put in an extra effort in which everyone came together to win."

With a 3-2 win over Morton and a 12-15 season record, it took more than just emotions for the girls to make it.

"I didn't expect anything but hard work," Coach Bill Gray said. "It takes positive attitude and will to be where you want to be. It is all about 'passion.' Without passion, the team is nothing."

Hard times and disappointment fell as the season neared its end. The coach sat the team down to have a talk.

"One moment I will never forget was the day our coach sat us down and told us he lost his faith," Chelsy Kimes, sophomore, said. "That moment made us

all realize that we needed to come together as a team."

That realization did not hit home until the Calumet game.

"We completely blew off the game against Calumet and didn't try. Losing to a team we didn't expect to lose to really woke us up," Kimes said. "It made us step it up the rest of the season."

As Monoski watched ball after ball fall to the ground, the reality of another possible loss set in. Yelling for her teammates to work together, all she could hear in her head were Coach Gray's guiding words: "Practice doesn't make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect."

pump it up
Cheering before the game, Stephanie Brajak, senior, laughs as she falls into pregame circle. "Our season wasn't a great one," Brajak said, "but the friendship that was gained will never be forgotten."



up in arms

With a push of her hands, captain Allison Chelgren, senior, sets the ball across the court to her outside hitter. "The setter is the one who runs the

game," Chelgren said. "She calls all the shots, except for when the coach tells her what to do."



Girls' Varsity Volleyball (front row) Monica Monoski, Katie Hamilton, Lauren Gaskey, Stephanie Andrade, Natalie Samano, Chelsy Kimes (second row) Allison Chelgren, Jessica Korda, Stephanie Brajak, Natalie Emro, Gina Rebesco, Ashley Boyan, Katie Lissy (back row) Coach Janet Worries, Coach Don Fortner, Coach Bill Gray, Coach Jenny Sliwa



Girls' Freshman Volleyball (front row) Alex Frakes, Kathryn Helfen, Carolyn Andrews, Shannon McCarthy, Kelly Mashura, Jenna Brakulis (back row) Coach Jenny Sliwa, Kim Long, Coach Janet Worries, Gina Novakovich, Coach Don Fortner, Colleen Shaw, Coach Bill Gray



Girls' JV Volleyball (front row) Justine Van Dyke, Abby Porcell, Nikki Malo, Megan Paradzinski, Lindsey Ziemba, Aubry Gilbert (back row) Coach Worries, Lizzy Monell, Coach Don Fortner, Jennifer DiCostanzo, Kelly Wade, Natalie Emro, Jessica Korda, Coach Jenny Sliwa, Angie Toth, Coach Bill Gray

moment of truth

Varsity

Valparaiso 0-3
Lake Central 0-3
Chesterton 3-1
Hobart 3-0
Andean 1-3
Griffith 3-0
Highland 1-3
Gavitt 3-0
Lowell 2-3
Crown Point 3-1
Morton 3-2
Whiting 3-1
Wheeler 0-3
Bishop Noll 2-0
Calumet 1-3
Kankakee Valley 0-3
Munster Invite
Portage 3-2
Plymouth 2-0
South Bend St. Joe 0-2
TF-South 1-2
Lafayette Jeff Tournament
Alexandria lost
Ethan Memorial lost
Homestead won
Merrillville Invite
Chesterton 2-0
Mishawaka 0-2
Fort Wayne Northrop 0-2
Sectional
Highland 1-3

Record 12-15

Junior Varsity

Valparaiso 2-1
Lake Central 2-1
Chesterton 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Andean 2-1
Griffith 2-0
Highland 1-2
Whiting 2-0
Wheeler 0-2
Bishop Noll 2-0
Calumet 2-0
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Gavitt 2-0
Lowell 1-2
Crown Point 2-1
Morton 2-0
Michigan City Invite
Penn 0-2
Michigan City 2-0
Michigan City Marquette 0-2
Lake Central 2-1
LAC JV Tournament
Kankakee Valley 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Andean 2-1
Highland 0-2

Record 19-6

Freshmen

Lake Central 1-2
Chesterton 2-1
Hobart 2-0
Andean 2-1
Griffith 2-0
Calumet 2-0
Hammond 2-0
Wheeler 2-0
Clark 2-0
Bishop Noll 2-1
Highland 2-1
Portage 2-1
Crown Point 2-0
Gavitt 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Cheeseman 0-2
Crown Point 2-0
LaPorte 2-0
Morton 2-0
Valparaiso Invite
Boone Grove 2-0
Lowell 2-0
Valparaiso 2-0
Highland 2-0
Lake Central Tournament
LaPorte 2-0
Hobart 2-0
Andean 2-0
Lake Central 0-2
Marian Catholic Invite
Marian Catholic 1-2
Illiana 2-0
Andrews 0-2
Oaklawn 1-2

Record 26-5



senior moment

A hug from an underclassman brings a smile to senior Natalie Samano's face. The underclassmen each took a senior to buy a gift for during the volleyball Senior Night. "I waited four years to be a senior player," Samano said. "It was such a thrill to finally be there."

on the block

Blocking with Chelsy Kimes, Ashley Boyan, junior, prevents an attack from an opponent. "We stopped the ball and volleyed it back," Boyan said. "She only tipped the ball. It was easy to return."

moment of truth

“

I'll remember when Steve Luptak hit the game winning shot at the Highland game. I took a shot, missed, got the rebound and saw Steve, so I passed it to him. He shot it and made it right at the buzzer beat.

”

Aric Van Weelden,
junior

“

This season had its ups and downs. In other seasons we've had a lot less losses, but this year it was unlike any other season that I've ever had.

”

Scott Rutkowski,
junior

Varsity Basketball

Clark 80-36
Hammond 65-69
Calumet 85-45
Lake Central 69-64
Chesterton 63-48
Andrean 60-64
East Chicago 53-56
Kankakee Valley 81-75
Bishop Noll 56-41
Highland 48-47
Crown Point 53-45
Griffith 63-42
Hobart 78-36
Gary West Side 43-44
Portage 49-63
Lowell 76-45
Merrillville 63-71
Morton 68-49

LAC Tournament
Whiting 54-24
Bishop Noll 81-60
Hammond 66-58
Andrean 57-60

Sectionals

East Chicago 62-55
Gary West Side 40-60

Record 16-8

mover and shaker

Weaving past the defense, Aric Van Weelden (3), junior, dribbles his way to the basket. "Whenever I had the ball, I concentrated on handling it and not letting it turn over," Van Weelden said.

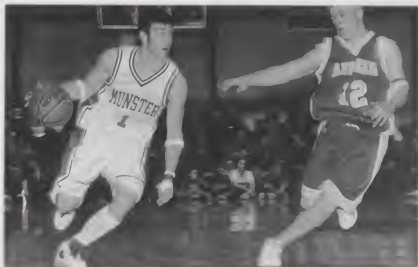
drive down deep

Against Gary West Side, Adam Grunewald (5), senior, drives the basketball. "I went for a layup, but we ended up losing the game," Grunewald said. "They were a tough opponent, so losing 43-44 wasn't bad."



line drive

As his guard from Andrean watches, Brent Banach (1), senior, looks for an open teammate. "I always had to remind myself that I wasn't alone out there on the court, that I had everyone on the team to rely on," Banach said.



on the rebound

Rebounding against a Gary West Side player in the Feb. 9 game, Nick Stolarz (40), junior, struggles to get the ball in the hoop. "It was intense going up

against one of the biggest teams we faced," Stolarz said of the 43-44 loss. "Next time, we knew exactly how to be ready for such a hard game."



when push comes to shove

Young team passes expectations with 16-8 finish

With such a young team Boys' Basketball Coach Mike Hackett could have given up before the season even started. Instead he finished a winning season with a loss in the Sectional Championship game against Gary West Side.

"I thought it was a pretty successful season for losing so many key players from last year," Coach Hackett said. "We finished 16-8, second in conference league play and second in the Conference tournament to Andrean. It was a good season for us. We fell short of some goals, but not for a lack of effort."

The team started slow but learned to play together as the season went on, according to Mike Bizoukas, sophomore.

"This season was a learning experience," Bizoukas said. "I think we've learned to play together as a team."

And learn they did, as the team never came apart, despite losing their second game of the season to Hammond.

"The most surprising thing was after losing we never came apart, but stayed together as a team," Scott Rutkowski, junior, said.

By the middle of the season the team

started playing together, according to Nick Stolarz, junior.

"We've made great advances towards communicating better and being more unified as a team," Stolarz said.

As the season progressed, the team picked up steam with big wins over Highland and Crown Point on back-to-back nights in January.

The team beat Highland 48-47 on a last second shot from Steve Luptak, sophomore. On Saturday night they beat Crown Point by 8 points.

"Highland and Crown Point were big

bench wait
Slowly realizing that their post-season play ended at East Chicago Central's hands in Sectionals, Coach Mike Hackett; Mike Bizoukas (1), sophomore; Nick Stolarz (40), junior; Adam Grunewald (2), senior; and juniors Jeff Marinier (33), Aric Van Weelden (3) and Scott Rutkowski (50) wait on the bench. "We lost to a great final four team," Marinier said. "Now we know what it will take to win next year to be ready for the game."



JV Basketball

Clark 31-25
Hammond 43-32
Calumet 44-40
Lake Central 31-60
Chesterton 41-51
Andrean 35-48
East Chicago 44-32
Kankakee Valley 63-40
Bishop Noll 64-37
Highland 28-19
Crown Point 56-49
Griffith 58-31
Hobart 49-25
Gary West Side 47-38
Portage 52-42
Lowell 49-36
Merrillville 40-35
Morton 53-41

LAC Tournament
Whiting 54-16
Bishop Noll 52-29

Record 17-3

Freshman Basketball

Lowell 65-21
Morton 49-34
Portage 53-46
Clark 36-24
Hobart 52-37
Highland 34-24
Lake Central 49-28
Bishop Noll 55-31
Gavit 47-22
Gary Roosevelt 38-47
Griffith 47-29
Hammond 49-44
East Chicago 35-44
Lake Station 50-23
Merrillville 54-36
Calumet 34-27
Valparaiso 26-52
Andrean 48-32

Highland Tournament
Highland 42-23
Crown Point 41-52

Record 16-4

up in arms

At the Conference Tournament against Whiting, Arie Van Weelden (3), junior, passes the ball. "No matter what I did, I would remember that I was part of a team," Van Weelden said. "If I made a mistake, I couldn't let it get me down because we had to stick together through everything."

shooting glance

Guarded a Gary West Side player, Jeff Marinier (33), junior, looks for an open teammate. "I managed to pass, but it was a difficult game," he said.



Boys' Varsity Basketball (front row) Steve Luptak, Dan Crisman, Michael Bizoukas, Mike Sealy, Brent Banach, Evan Lavery (middle row) Nick Stolarz, Joe Wings, Jeff Marinier, Coach Mike Hackett, Arie Van Weelden, Adam Grunewald, Scott Rutkowski (back row) Wesam Mohammed, Manager Greg Luksich, Coach Alex Peck, Manager John Doherty, Trainer Tim Roberts, Manager Jeff Tucker



Boys' Freshmen Basketball (front row) Oscar Cisneros, Stefan Coric, Blake Williams, Jeremy Aponte, Brian Ritz, Brett Keeler, Jim Hunt, Jeff Spyra (back row) Alex Brajak, Walter McDonald, Chris Witter, Brandon Ruiz, Brandon Miller, Jovan Andjelich, Pat Behrens, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk



Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball (front row) Jon Contos, Eni Uwidia, Tommy Mambourg, Leo Giannakis, Greg Schmitt, David GoShay (back row) Milos Mandic, Errol Geberin, Mihir Patel, Coach Greg Luksich, Nick Fisher, Mike Sudbury, Mike Fisher

mark my words

During a time-out, Coach Mike Hackett advises his team on their next move at a home game. "This was different year," Coach Hackett said. "We didn't have nearly the experience we had in the past when we had veteran players returning."



when push comes to shove

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wins and we wanted to build off them and keep up with winning streak," Bizoukas said.

During the Crown Point game, Luptak landed awkwardly and tore a ligament in his knee. After this injury the team had to change its style of play.

"When Steve got hurt it hurt all phases of our game because he scored, he was a good defender, and he handled the ball well," Coach Hackett said. "No one person took Steve's place, everyone just had to contribute more."

As Sectionals approached, all the boys kept only one goal in mind: winning a Sectional title, according to co-captain Brent Banach, senior.

"We needed to go in and get the job done," Banach said. "We needed to make sure we stayed focused and didn't get caught up in the Sectional atmosphere."

According to Aric Van Weelden, junior, the team's seasonal record of 16-8 didn't count. The most important thing was bringing home a Sectional title.

above the rest

Mouth wide in concentration, Scott Rutkowski (50), junior, jumps over Griffith center Todd Polgar. "Polgar was such a big test for me. I just tried to get the best of him to help my team the best I could," Rutkowski said of the 63-42 victory.



"Our record doesn't matter because the last two years we had really great records but lost in the first two rounds," Van Weelden said. "I'd rather have an average record and win Sectionals than have a great record and lose."

Getting a by in the first round, the team beat East Chicago Central in the second round of the Sectional Tournament, but fell to Gary West Side by 20 points in the Sectional Final.

"West Side was just playing really well," co-captain Adam Grunewald, senior, said. "We turned the ball over and as the game went on, it got out of hand, and we panicked."

The leadership from seniors Banach and Grunewald kept the team together throughout the season, according to Coach Hackett.

"The seniors were both returning lettermen and captains," Coach Hackett said. "They added leadership and the intangibles to the team, the little things that go unnoticed."

take five

Pumped up during the game, Mike Sealy (10), junior, gives Brent Banach (1), senior, a high five. "It was a nice ritual," Sealy said. "When the rest of the team was trying to get themselves psyched up, the two of us would go to the side and high five."



sights set

Eyes intent on the basket, Mike Bizoukas (2), sophomore, aims for a two-pointer on his home court. "We needed to work on free-throws and rebounding, but we always managed to make it to the basket without too many problems," Bizoukas said.

moment of truth

“

The most exciting moment, I'd have to say, was the Highland game because it was a close game and we had a lot of fans there. Everything came down to free-throws. We didn't make ours, and we ended up losing.

”

Libbie Thompson,
junior

“

We had the best record in Conference, so we got the championship. It was the first time since 1998 that we won, and it was quite memorable.

”

Coach Beth Vesa

Varsity Basketball

Valparaiso 31-47
Chesterton 42-39
Bishop Noll 49-25
Gavit 55-20
Hobart 48-43
Lake Central 54-42
Griffith 38-29
Gary West Side 40-51
Highland 37-45
Calumet 68-23
Merrillville 27-48
Andrean 45-47
Morton 63-26
Lowell 37-36
Portage 47-36
Hobart 46-35
Kankakee Valley 48-35

LAC Tournament
Bishop Noll 42-24
Morton 60-48
Wheeler 25-32

Columbia City
Tournament
Anderson 58-43
South Bend
Adams 63-53

Sectionals
Gary West Side
35-52

Record 17-6

passing glance
Looking for an open teammate, Lauren Meneghetti (24), sophomore, dribbles the ball after penetrating the defense. "Basketball was a lot of this because it was a turnaround year," Meneghetti said. "Our record was better because we were a year older. We got better as the year went on."



standing tall

Focused on stopping her opponent, 6'1" Natalie Enro (31), freshman, blocks a Morton player at the Jan. 20 game. "Because I'm so tall, being on the defense wasn't too hard," Natalie said. "Being a freshman on varsity was good challenge."

running start

Before their last home game against Portage, Lindsey Pugh (41), senior, bursts through a "We Love Our Seniors" sign on Senior Night. "I was worried about running into a cheerleader because last time we had to run through the hoop, the cheerleaders hadn't moved yet and I ran into one," Pugh said.





driving force

Girls' winning season carried by determination

Looking up to Andean's scoreboard at half time, Lindsey Pugh, senior, sighed to see her team down by 17 points. During the Jan. 14 game, the Girls' Basketball Team couldn't seem to get themselves in sync. Calling her teammates over for a talk, Pugh made a choice.

"We decided we could still win it," she said. "I knew we could."

Renewed with drive and desire, the team pulled together to "kill" their opponents in the second half, according to Pugh, to prevail with a seven point lead, 54-47.

Bouncing back to the top after a rough season last year, the team's 24 point recovery added up over the season to a 17-6 record.

"We felt no matter who we played, we would be good enough to beat anyone on any given night," Coach Beth Vesa, math teacher, said.

lucky stars

Behind Mr. Mike Smith, Athletic Director, Ali Nykiel (21), senior; Hallie Gibbs (40), sophomore; juniors Kirsten Reuth (30) and Katie Hamilton (33); sophomores Alex Andjelich (12) and Lauren Meneghetti (24); Jackie Yerga (55), junior; sophomores Kate Varrum (11); Jen DiCinzano (13) and Chelsy Kimes (5); juniors Stephanie Hoffman (3) and Libbie Thompson (22); and Lindsey Pugh (41), senior, watch the flag while the band plays the National Anthem.

That confidence carried the girls to a 4-1 record, already better than their season record from last year. Their season solidified with a 54-42 slam dunk over Lake Central in early December.

"A lot of people weren't expecting us to win against Lake Central," co-captain Jackie Yerga, junior, said. "It was rewarding. On the bus, we celebrated with Hallie [Gibbs, sophomore] singing songs to us."

The girls final game of the regular season against Portage ended 47-36, getting them "pumped and ready to play Gary West Side in Sectionals," according to shoot to win

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Ready to make a basket, Jackie Yerga (55), junior, jumps to the hoop. "I made a two point shot," Yerga said. "We had a good lead over Morton and won the game." The girls finished with a 63-26 victory, with Yerga earning *The Times'* Second Team for the Region honors. "We played well together all the time," Yerga said. "It wasn't just about winning, but about doing the best that we could every time. It all came together to beat Morton by a lot."



moment of truth

“My proudest moment was when I blocked one of Cassie Kerns’ shots at the Valparaiso game. She was actually taller than me!”

**Natalie Emro,
freshman**

JV Basketball

Valparaiso 26-39
Chesterton 25-33
Bishop Noll 48-35
Gavit 53-14
Hobart 32-24
Lake Central 48-60
Griffith 33-37
Gary West Side 22-48
Highland 32-31
Calumet 38-24
Merrillville 18-44
Andean 41-46
Morton 38-17
Lowell 33-19
Portage 30-36
Kankakee Valley 72-37

LAC Tournament
Bishop Noll 24-3
Morton 41-16

Lowell Tournament
Calumet 37-29
Hammond 30-21

Record 12-8

Freshman Basketball

Hobart 24-29
Lake Central 17-33
Andean 35-25
Highland 17-31
Calumet 20-27
Merrillville 32-28
Lowell 29-21
Morton 26-34
Valparaiso 24-35
LaPorte 14-48
Portage 14-35
Highland 27-28
Griffith 33-34
Gary West Side 33-37

Record 3-11

free time

Warming up before a game, Ali Nykiel (21), senior, watches Chelsy Kimes (5), sophomore, practice her free-throws. “Ali’s always supposed to stay behind me,” Kimes said. “If the other team caught a ball on the rebound, she was right there ready to stop them.”

steal the spotlight

With sophomore Kate Varnum (11) watching, Jackie Yerga (55), junior, steals the ball from her Gary West Side opponent. “Kate and I trapped the ball,” Yerga said. “However, we ultimately ended up losing to a really strong team.”



a link of their own

Hands together in a pre-game pep session, Ali Nykiel (21), senior, Jackie Yerga (55), junior, Coach Beth Vesa, and sophomores Kate Varnum (11) and Alex Andjelich (12) unite with their team. “Everyone always got their moment,” Coach Vesa said.

block out

Running to the basket, Kate Varnum, (11), sophomore, focuses on her next move. “You always had to think to what was coming next,” Varnum said. “We worked hard on plays at practice. It was good to know we stayed within close reach to a team ranked second in state.”





driving force

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to Natalie Emro, freshman.

Coach Vesa stressed that the girls had to play in one of the hardest Sectionals in the entire state, if not the hardest one. Gary West Side defeated them Feb. 11, 35-52, knocking them out of post-season play.

take a drive

Against her Morton opponent, Ali Nykiel (21), senior, drives the lane. "I had one of my best games ever that night and it was a conference game," Nykiel said. "I looked for a dish-off to Jackie [Yerga] and she scored when I got her the ball. That was a real pass."

"We gave it all we could. We didn't quit," Stephanie Hoffman, junior, said. "We played the whole game."

The girls set the school's second best record with a 17-6 finish. They also claimed first place in Conference. Despite the loss at Sectionals, the season turned out to be Vesa's most outstanding since she started coaching five years ago.

"For once we have a better record than the guys!" Pugh said. "We played hard every game, no matter if we were winning or losing."



Girls' Varsity Basketball (front row) Chelsy Kimes, Lauren Meneghetti, Ali Nykiel, Lindsey Pugh, Hallie Gibbs, Kate Varnum (middle row) Manager Patty Pfister, Libbie Thompson, Coach Ritzema, Jackie Yerga, Coach Vesa, Stephanie Hoffman, Coach Davidson, Natalie Emro, Manager Tina Soczyk (back row) Kristen Rueth, Alex Andjelich, Katie Hamilton, Jennifer DiCostanzo



Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball (front row) Kari Michniewicz, Amanda Scott, Kristen Pagane, Kelly Mashura (middle row) Manager Patty Pfister, Nicole Trimolt, Gina Novakovich, Coach Ritzema, Jenna Brakulis, Justine Leonakis, Manager Tina Soczyk (back row) Ashley Moore, Colleen Shaw, Alana Phelan, Katelyn Chovanec



Girls' Freshman Basketball (front row) Marianne Marinakos, Samantha Curtis, Ashley Kolar, Amanda Hoffman (middle row) Manager Patty Pfister, Gina Novakovich, Karen Larsen, Coach Sopko, Jenna Brakulis, Jessica Hilbrich, Manager Melissa Vargo (back row) Kari Michniewicz, Julianne Donahue, Colleen Pearman, Kristine Kho

moment of truth

“I knew we would do well at the end of the season if we tried hard, which kept me motivated. Beating Chesterton was my goal this season, which we accomplished. My highlight was having an undefeated season for the first time in a long time, especially my senior year.”

Steven Millies, senior

Varsity Swimming and Diving

Penn 98.5- 87.5
Lowell 107- 76
Munster Relays
1st place Red
Division: 138 pts
Griffith 117- 65
Valparaiso 132- 54
Portage 130- 56
South Bend Riley 110- 84
Lake Central 115- 71
Merrillville 107- 72
Calumet 92- 24
Chesterton 100- 86
LaPorte 128- 58
Crown Point 115- 71
Highland 120- 66

Hamilton
Southeastern Invite
2nd place: 581

Highland Invite
2nd place: 281.5

LAC
1st place: 506

Sectional
1st place: 362

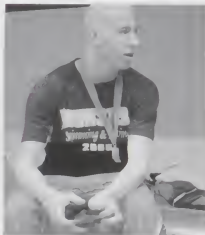
State
4th place: 151.5

Record 13-0
LAC Champs
Conference Champs
Sectional Champs
State Finalists

chip off the old block
At the sound of the buzzer, Bryan Chovanec, junior, jumps in for the first lap of the 400 Free Relay in the Crown Point Sectional Finals. “We ended up

Boys’ Swimming (front row) Dan Kretz, Tommy Bassetto, Dan Boyle, Jeff Longawa, Basil Herbeck, Stephen Ong, Chris Cheng, Andrew Drudge (second row) Warren Lane, Tony Markovich, Mitch Farnsely, Sonny Marcetic, Adam Belkairous, Andrew Kaminski, Matt Thompson, Joe O’Brien (third row) David Linneer, Grant Felgenhauer, Evan Compton, Will Leary, Bobby Romano, Matt Kuehn, Bryan Chovanec, Connor Leto, Joe Raycroft, Dan Drudge, Asst. Coach Larry Hautzinger (back row) Jeff Gaik, Steven Millies, Michael Mashura, Justin Smith, Sean Leto, Steve Balog, Danny White, Jeff Heintz, Dan Lodge, Brendan Georgas, Coach Janel Tobias, Head Coach Mike Blaze

breaking a whole bunch of records in that relay,” Chovanec said. “My goggles, however, ended up falling off during my lap in the relay. I just had to keep swimming.”



coming up
Finishing 2nd in the 200 Medley Relay, Andrew Kaminski, freshman, had a lot to be proud of. “Receiving my medal marked the end of my first high school state competition,” Kaminski said. “After my injury, I thought I’d only be able to try and improve for next season. It never occurred to me I’d be in any state events this year, let alone runner up!”

final fling
Before the last meet of the season, senior Jeff Gaik and junior Bryan Chovanec give each other a hug. “We celebrate Senior Night because it’s the last time we’ll ever swim with these guys at home again,” Gaik said. “Chovanec gave me a big hug; usually we just slap each other backs real hard and give high fives.”

the upper hand
While taking a break during practice, Justin Smith, senior, discusses his last dive with coach Mrs. Janel Tobias. “I’ll miss having her for my coach. She was a good friend and motivator,” he said. “The team worked real hard this season and it paid off.”





raising the bar

Coming out on top, boys rank 4th in State

Sticky and soaked to the bone, Assistant Coach Larry Hautzinger, science teacher, made his way through his congratulations as he wiped Gatorade from his face.

For the first time in four years, both the boys' and girls' teams broke Chesterton's undefeated record.

"Beating Chesterton (100/86) was a big deal because they're so good," Joe Raycroft, sophomore, said. "The highlight of the meet was beating them and then pouring Gatorade on Hautzinger."

"The biggest obstacles for the boys were themselves," Head Coach Mike Blaze, social studies teacher, said. "It was in their hands. There was no surprise. The guys knew they were going to win."

From Penn to Crown Point, the Seahorses succeeded in their goal for an undefeated season; their first in 14 years.

"I wanted to go undefeated," Michael Mashura, senior, said. "Chesterton was the defining meet of the season, and we knew it would be the closest."

Team unity was more apparent this year, according to diving coach Mrs. Janel Tobias, science teacher.

"I saw more unity between swimming and diving. The team realized that divers help out in close meets," Coach Tobias said. "We brought two divers to State."

Justin Smith, senior, broke Highland's 11 dive record, and scored his best at the Lake Central meet with 314.

"I knew every meet was closer to my last," Smith said. "I tried to make the best of it and tried to keep improving."

Smith placed 2nd in State with a 458.8 score, topped only by Noblesville's David Boudia, who took first with 465.5.

Andrew Kaminski, freshman; Bryan Chovanec, junior; Jeff Gaik, senior; and Raycroft worked together in the medley relay to break the school's and Crown Point's record of 1:38.24 with 138.08.

"We didn't have strong guys in every event at State," Jeff Gaik, senior, said. "But the 100 Fly and 200 Individual Medley made up for the weaknesses. The freshmen really helped in the relays."

Ranked 4th as a team in State, the boys came a long way from their original standing, 10th. Chovanec tied for 3rd in the 50 Free, Raycroft placed 9th in the 200 Individual Medley and 11th in the 100 Back, and Gaik placed 4th in the 100 Fly.

Learning not only how to keep the tradition alive, the Seahorses learned how close they could become in and out of the pool, according to Gaik.

"I've learned that swimming is not just individual when you have everyone behind you," Gaik said. "The team is always there for you, like a family."

end of the ropes.

As diving ended, seniors Jeff Gaik, Steven Millies, Michael Mashura and Steven Balog wait for the pool to be cleared for warm-ups. "It didn't seem like this was the last time we'd be waiting for diving to end," Mashura, said. "It didn't seem like the season was almost over."



eye and mighty

New found unity
and willingness
guide girls to victory

Water mixed with perspiration and talent dripped from Maggie Behrens, junior, as she waited to push off the wall. In less than 60 seconds, Behrens would set a Sectional record of 58.11 in the 100 backstroke.

"At Sectionals I tried to swim better than ever before," Behrens said. "It paid off. At State, Julie [Feingold, junior] and I went above and beyond."

Behrens and Feingold repeated their State Runner Up titles. Feingold ranked 2nd in the 100 Breast and 3rd in the 200 Individual Medley, while Behrens ranked 2nd in the 100 Backstroke and 5th in the 200 Individual Medley.

"Sectionals was crazy," Jessica Brakulis, senior, said. "This was the first Sectional trophy I felt I deserved. I felt like I had to fight for it. Last year we won by so much; this year was tough. State was another story. We got 8th; we didn't dominate, but everybody gave their all."

Giving everything they had took more work than usual, according to Ashley DeVries, senior. "We lost many seniors so the underclassmen stepped up to fill those spots," DeVries said.

Taking charge at the Valparaiso meet (113-53), Feingold swam 200 free, instead of her usual 200 Individual Medley.

"It was amazing, they could put Julie in any event and she could still win," Ashley Cook, junior, said.

According to Cook, Valparaiso wasn't going to intimidate the team.

"We weren't scared of Valpo," Cook said. "We were able to mix it up, so people could swim different events, and everybody got a chance."

The girls placed first with 350 points, 11 points above Chesterton's 339, at the Highland Invitational.

"It was the closest point meet we've ever had," Abby Homans, junior, said. "It was more competitive than any other year. We all swam at the same level."

Next came Conference, which marked the girls' 15th title. "Conference was different," Brakulis said. "We swam a mixed line-up and won by 70 points. It showed we were a powerhouse that could handle any situation."

At the Chesterton meet, (95-91), Feingold broke two pool records. "It was a close meet, but we pulled through," Feingold said. "The jam-packed stands were so loud and intense, you got more nervous hearing all those people."

While Behrens waited in the water, she couldn't help but hear Head Coach Robin Tobias' voice in her head. Above the din of the crowd, the words, "I am not satisfied yet; I am still hungry for more," repeated themselves and pushed Behrens towards victory.

stroke of luck.

Coming up for a breath of air, Julie Feingold, junior, swims her way to the finish. "I ended up getting second place and All American for my 1:04.23 finish in the 100 breast stroke," Feingold said. "I really felt like I deserved it."



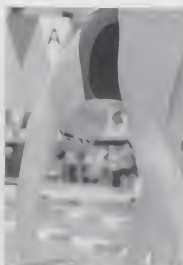


all wrapped up. Nervously waiting for the scores of competing schools, Jessica Brakulis, senior, watches the clock at State. "I was nervous for my event," Brakulis said. "It was the first time I was leading off the 200 Free Relay."

heavy medal
Medals distributed, sophomores Lauren Lomeli, Jordan Jancosek, juniors Julie Feingold and Maggie Behrens collect their third place honors in the 200 medley Relay. "I was amazed," Jancosek said. "It was an honor to represent my team."



breath easy
On the diving block before the 200 Individual Medley, Maggie Behrens, junior, prepares herself for what was to come next. "When I'm on the blocks, I'm not thinking about anything," Behrens said. "I take a deep breath and do what I've trained for a thousand times. Once you're on the blocks, all your nerves go away."



moment of truth

“
I'll miss the dual meets and the comfort of the other girls. I'll miss Coach Tobias because he's been coaching me for four years. He taught me so much about the sport, he'd always be there for me if I needed anything.”

Jessica Brakulis, senior

Varsity Swimming

Penn 106.5-79.5
LaPorte 63-23
Crown Point 135-51
Carmel 76-110
Highland 120.5-65.5
Lowell 113-72
Griffith 118-62
Valparaiso 133-53
Portage 135-45
Lake Central 108-78
Merrillville 139-47
Calumet 114-52
Chesterton 95-91

Hamilton
Southeastern Invite
2nd place

Highland Invite
1st place

LAC
1st place: 458

Sectionals
1st place: 330

State
8th place: 131

Record 12-1
LAC Champs
Conference Champs
Sectional Champs
State Finalists



Girls' Swimming (top row) Christina Kouklakis, Brittany Lewis, Elizabeth Vacendak, Na'Lani Ravell, Ashley DeVries, Natalie Belkairous, Jessica Brakulis, Ashley Taylor, Kara Korem, Coach Janel Tobias, Coach Becca Laird, Coach Robin Tobias (second row) Maya Gendlin, Ashley Cook, Stephanie Pitz, Sara Brown, Maggie Behrens, Abigail Homans, Julie Feingold, Theresa Kreitz, Danielle Niemann, Kaitlin Bandura, Lauren Lomeli, Alicia Tuuk, Kathryn Martino (third row) Corrine Stafford, Michelle Shimizu, Sam Torres, Cara Briggs, Jordan Jancosek, Paulina Kozupa, Annie Soaman, Jennifer Romano, Breanna Lawler, Shannon McCarthy (bottom row) Nikki Pakan, Molly Foxzentek, Anna Mitric, Kelly Rausch, Valerie Alvarez, Alex Frakes, Anna Pycinska, Alex Hora

briggs eye view
After the 200 Free, Coach Robin Tobias talks with Cara Briggs, sophomore, about how to improve for Finals. "He told me to kick harder," Briggs said. "And keep my mind on the stroke. Anything was possible."



moment of truth

“

We'd always play music before matches to pump us up. While we were listening, I'd have to play the match in my head before it happens. I would think about exactly what I'm going to do.

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**Lance Surma,
junior**

Varsity Wrestling

East Chicago 41-33
Calumet 42-30
Mater Del Classic
Highland 18-54
Hobart 0-74

Cathedral

Tournament
Warren Central
9-67
Avon 12-59
Cathedral 21-54
Anderson Highland
30-42
Peru 33-36

Trailoff Tournament

Franklin 3-71
Floyd Central
25-42
Calumet 26-38
Lake Station
54-24
Highland 28-49
Munster Super Duals
Concord 33-41
Griffith 12-67
Chicago Wash.
41-30
Westfield 3-67
South Bend Clay
0-71

Hobart Invite

Andrean 48-16
Kankakee Valley
48-18
Portage 9-50

Lake County

Tournament
14th Place

LAC Tournament

7th Place

Sectionals

4th Place: 171.5

Record 6-16

LAC Champ:

Eric McGill 119

Sectional Champs:

Jacob Smith 104

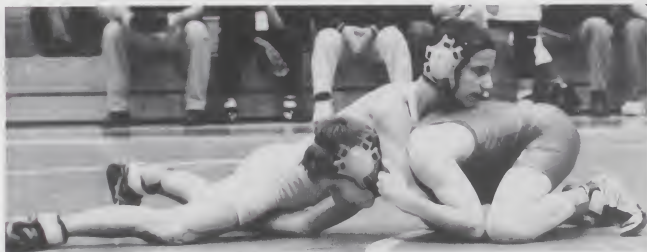
Eric McGill 119

up for grabs

Defeated by his opponent, Erich Maul, junior, slams down his palm at Munster Super Duals. "Breathing gets to be hard when you're trapped down there," he said. "You want to win just so that feeling is worth it."

flip flop

As the referee watches, Jonathan Gonzalez, senior, tries to get a stand-up. "I was on the downfall from the beginning," he said. "Then I started picking it up. I was losing 12-3; in the end I reversed and pinned him, but it wasn't enough."



lay it out

Trying to attempt a take down at the Munster Super Duals, captain Zak Boswell, senior, tries to regain his grip after his opponent sprawled out. "I'll always remember that meet," Boswell said. "I was able to pin the kid who won Regionals."

push and shove

In his first match since hurting his knee, Lance Surma, junior, throws a Morton student in the first round at Conference. "I ended 10-1," Surma said. "When I wrestled at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis I landed on my knee wrong. I knew something was wrong right away."



hard pressed

Setbacks,
injuries plague
amateur team

Landing chest down next to his opponent, captain Zak Boswell, senior, felt a sharp pain in his arm. Leading 2-0 in the third period at Wrestling Sectionals, the match changed drastically when he went down.

"The guy was trying to throw me out of bounds," Boswell said. "I landed on my arm wrong. I could've advanced to Semi-State, but I didn't make it because of my injury."

Boswell's broken arm in post-season play defined the trend for the whole season. After the loss of strong wrestlers who graduated last year, the team of mostly underclassman found itself plagued by short-lived expectations and suffering from injuries.

"We were better this year as a team, but there were so many injuries," Lance Surma, junior, said. "Individuals carried the team last year, but now it was younger kids. There was a struggle."

While a learning experience for some, the team benefitted from underclassman. Eric McGill, sophomore, won the Sectional and LAC championships in his 119-pound class. However, due to a chronic shoulder problem, McGill could not compete due to doctor's advice.

"I kept dislocating my shoulder, and

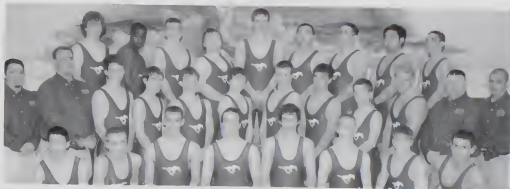
my doctors warned me it would be a problem," McGill said. "I went to practice everyday, waiting until I could wrestle again. It was sad when I was pulled out for the last time and couldn't go to State."

Despite their continuous pain, the team placed 7th in the LAC Conference and ended with a 4th place finish at Sectionals with 6-16 record.

"We ended up beating two teams in our conference by 30 points," Mike LeBeau, junior, said. "When we played the same teams before, we barely finished ahead of them."

These small moments kept the wrestlers from lying down on the mat and giving up.

"We did well at Evansville," Coach Dan Gelarden, Wilbur Wright Middle School health teacher, said. "The atmosphere was nice. Usually there's hardly anyone watching us wrestle. At Evansville, there were so many cheering people. It was a lot different from what we're used to. It was very encouraging."



listen to reason
Before going back to finish his match, Mike LeBeau, junior, gets advice from Coach Dan Gelarden. "Coach always gave me advice on how to be a better wrestler," LeBeau said. "I was down and needed to get myself back up. He helped me make it a close match."

Wrestling (front row) Andru Sannito, Evan Maul, Frich Maul, Zak Boswell, Steve Ziemba, Eric McGill, Mike LeBeau, Taylor Del Rio
(middle row) Coach Tim Maldonado, Coach Dan Gelarden, Blake Platt, David Nootens, Adam Cooper, Alex Morfas, Tom Sapya, Jose Gutierrez, Jacob Smith, Thomas Paliga, Coach Brian Clark, Coach Bobby Joe Maldonado
(back row) Tim Qualls, Lenrow Felton, Aaron Pleitner, Lance Surma, Phil Caap, Phil Chiang, Mitch LaRock, Jason Chen, Jonathan Gonzalez

thrown for a curve

Team comes together
to earn surprise Sectional title

A storm began to rise. As the intensity built, wind and fury increased and anticipation grew. The same power overtook the Baseball Team as their tumult unleashed against Lake Central at the June 3 Sectional game.

"We showed we could compete against better ranked teams," Mike Nowak, senior, said. Coming in as the underdog and ranked 4th to Lake Central's 2nd in *The Times* area listing, the team surprised even themselves with the 6-3 Sectional victory.

"We couldn't just get kicked aside and forgotten about," Nowak said. "We snuggled up from behind. We hoped to have teams looking over their shoulders at us."

Moving on to play in Regionals, the boys' roller coaster season came to an end when Crown Point delivered a 0-2 shutout. The boys' record hung at 19-14.

Coming back from an unstable season, the team remained focused and never lost sight of their goal of making Sectionals, according to Head Coach Mr. Bob Shinkan, math teacher.

"We had a few games where things

crumbled," Coach Shinkan said. "Throughout the course of the game, the boys dusted themselves off and never stopped fighting."

Having lost their opening two season games against Clark and TF South and losing the Terre Haute Tournament, the boys did just what Coach Shinkan expected: they picked themselves up and scored 15-5 against New Haven.

"We were unprepared in the begin-

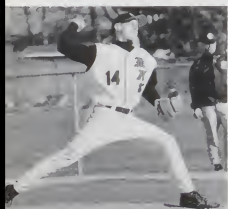
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thrown out

Winding back and following through, Mike Sealy, junior, pitches to the opposing team. "I was lucky to get a lot of playing time this season," Sealy said. "It gave me a lot of motivation to do well so that I didn't let the team down."

bite the dust

Showing quick reflexes, Brandon Platt, senior, gets out of the way of a close curve ball. Avoiding a strike, Platt kept his eye on the ball.



fever pitch

Ball in hand, Chris Bakker, junior, winds up for a pitch. "There was a lot of pressure being a pitcher," Bakker said. "A bad pitch could really alter the outcome of a game."



moment of truth

“The year was one I’ll never forget. I didn’t get to play on varsity last year, so after a year of practice I finally felt ready. It was better to skip it and gain the experience because now winning means so much more.”

**Matt DeRolf,
senior**

Varsity Baseball

Clark 1-6
Terre Haute South 4-5
New Haven 15-5
Brebeuf 11-15
TF South 5-12
Valparaiso 12-11
Portage 3-2
Bishop Noll 4-3
Hobart 15-1
North Newton 10-4
Griffith 6-11
Andrean 2-3
Boone Grove 15-4
Kankakee Valley 4-2
Highland 6-3
Lowell 14-6
Bishop Noll 8-3
South Bend Clay 0-11
Hobart 10-6
Lake Central 3-9
Griffith 10-4
Andrean 7-13
Kankakee Valley 14-8
Lowell 3-6
Highland 0-5
Chesterton 3-11

LAC Tourney
Calumet 7-0
Gavit 7-4
Lake Central 1-12
Griffith 5-0

Sectionals
West Side 17-0
Lake Central 6-3

Regionals
Crown Point 0-2

**Record 19-14
Sectional Champs**



front bunt

Ready to run, Andrew Bilse, junior, bunts, hoping to advance the man on first. “As soon as I hear the ball on the bat, I run,” Bilse said. “All that’s going through my head is to get to first as quickly as I can.”

meet the match

Checking the game plan with Coach Shinkan, catcher Brandon Platt, senior, meets with his teammates. “We had a lot of unity on the team,” Platt said. “We always took what coach said to heart.”

heads up

Focused on the game, Matt Donnowitz, junior, waits in the dugout for his turn at bat. “During a game that I would be very focused,” Donnowitz said. “However, other times the mood in the dug out was light hearted.”

moment of truth

“At the Andean game, it was impressive how we played. They were the overwhelming favorite to win, being ranked first in State. The younger kids stepped up and didn't quit, even when we came out flat. We came back in the end, but still lost 2-3. It showed we could compete against better ranked teams, something we didn't forget as the season kept going.”

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Mike Nowak,
senior

JV Baseball

TF South 11-5
Highland 4-5
Portage 12-3
Bishop Noll 9-7
Hobart 12-4
Griffith 8-0
Andean 15-4
Kankakee Valley 7-4
Highland 6-3
Hobart 14-8
Lake Central 8-5
Griffith 8-7
Merrillville 11-0
Andean 5-7
Kankakee Valley 14-4
Lowell 20-5

Record 14-2

Freshman Baseball

Lake Central 7-0
TF South 7-0
Chesterton 15-5
Calumet 10-6
Highland 4-5
Crown Point 6-7
Crown Point 2-7
Andean 4-1
Clark JV 4-3
Griffith 3-4
Boone Grove 13-0
Boone Grove 9-8
Highland 9-1
Griffith 8-13
Boone Grove 13-0
Boone Grove 9-8
Merrillville 10-4
Lowell 15-4
Lowell 6-0

Record 14-5

full force

With force, Mike Hawryszkow, senior, nails the ball into a game-winning home run. “That was probably one of my proudest moments this season,” Hawryszkow said. “Before that hit, the game was really close. It was especially important to me because it was the Highland game, and Highland, obviously our biggest rival, felt good to beat.

strike a deal

Score tied up, Tim Lukoshus, junior, attempts to get a second strike. “I improved a lot this season which I'm very proud of,” he said. “I hope to do even better next season.”



Varsity Baseball (front row) Jeff DeArmond, Brent Banach, Matt DeRolf, Mike Hawryszkow, Mike Sealy, Tim Lukoshus, Ross Peterson (second row) Paul Malayter, Brandon Platt, Billy Stuart, Mike Svilar, Mike Nowak, Matt Donnowitz, Chris Bakker, Andrew Bilse (back row) Coach Matt Backs, Coach Marty Keil, Jake Ermd, Coach Bob Shinkan, Adam Grunewald, Coach Jeff Rosen, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk

up in arms

Nearly making it, Mike Sealy, junior, slides into third. “There's so much adrenaline running through you when it's close like that,” Sealy said. “You're focused on getting to the base before the baseman can, there's no time to worry about anything else.”



thrown for a curve

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ning of the season," Paul Malayter, senior, said. "We had a lot of first year varsity members who were seniors, so there were a lot of us who hadn't played together. But when we lost games, it made us better. We learned from our mistakes to be better prepared, and we never took any team lightly," Malayter explained.

As the season continued and victories added to the win column, team bonds began to form.

"Everybody began to come together," Brent Banach, senior, said. "The seniors started to show more leadership and the juniors followed."

An added boost to team morale and unity came when players such as Mike Sealy, junior, and seniors Mike Hawryszkow and Ross Peterson used the proper mechanics to hit home runs.

"When someone hit a home run, you could feel it," Andrew Bilse, junior, said. "Matt Donnowitz [junior] hit two in the Boone Grove game, and it just fired you up. The defensive team got mentally down, and it gave us a chance to get excited."

With more than 400 career wins under his belt, Coach Shinkan had something else to get excited about and be proud of.

"No matter what happened this season, we stuck it out," he said. "We saw that being Sectional Champs was possible, and we went for it. I'll never forget this team for their stick-to-itiveness, and I'll give them all the credit in the world for that."



JV Baseball (front row) Bret Keil, Jon Velchek, Pat DeRolf, John Bugajski, Chris Winterhalter (second row) Pat Koslowski, Josh Dimallig, Adam Enright, Tony Kanavos, Jacob Kunz, Greg Schmitt (back row) Bennet Cervan, Coach Marty Keil, Nick Fisher, Mike Sudbury, Pete Jurich, Coach Matt Backs, Alex Toth



Freshman Baseball (front row) Buddy Becher, Pat Howard, Alex Rosales, Jeremy Aponte, Brian Ritz, Trevor Bozich (second row) Kyle Stuart, Bryan Sanders, Jack Standley, Coach Mike Mikolajczyk, Brett Keeler, David Ramirez, Ryan Shimada (back row) Matt Bonini, Jeff Bragiel, Jacob Biscan, Brandon Miller, Blake Platt, Jeff Spyryka

beside the point

While taking in a few pointers, Brent Banach, senior, talks with Coach Jeff Rosen while waiting on first. "He told me what to be aware of," Banach said. "He wanted me to be aware sure I watched Coach Shinkan's signs."

hats off

While walking off the field, Mike Nowak, senior, removes his helmet. "I was disappointed with the inning," Nowak said. "Highland had scored a run to make the score in their favor. We did ultimately win 6-3."



moment of truth

“When we lost to Andrean, it was a big disappointment. No one likes losing to Andrean, Highland or Lake Central. Those are the teams you always want to beat.”

Emily Beezhoid,
Junior

Varsity Softball

Homewood Flossmor

8-0
Lake Central 0-0
Hanover Central 1-0
Hammond 10-0
Griffith 11-0
Gavitt 13-0
Bishop Noll 10-1
DeSales 2-0
Andrean 1-4
Whiting 10-0
Highland 8-0
Wheeler 10-0
Kankakee Valley 6-0
Crown Point 1-0
Hobart 3-0
Lowell 3-1
Merrillville 8-1
Valparaiso 8-0
Bishop Noll 8-1
Portage 3-0

Mustang Invite

Lafayette
Jefferson 8-0
Harrison 10-0

T.L. Invite

Wheeler 11-1
Lewis Cass 3-1
McCutcheon 1-0
Andrean 0-1

Sectionals

East Chicago 18-0
Lake Central 2-3

Record 25-3

listen to reason

Focused on her coach, Holly Ispas, senior, listens to Coach Beth Vesa's speech. "Vesa always gave a short speech after a game," Ispas said. "It was to tell us what we did good and where we went wrong so that we could be prepared for the next game."

great minds

High fiving each other after the inning, Lori Andjelich and Holly Ispas, seniors, share pointers. "I usually told her if her pitches were working or not," Ispas said. "A lot of times I'd tell her about what the umpire said about her pitches and what she needed to change."



hits close to home

While waiting for the ball to come to her, Hallie Gibbs, sophomore, keeps her eyes focused. "I'm pretty confident when I go up to bat that I'll get the hit," Gibbs said. "If we have runners on the base, I know they're depending on me to get them a run, I keep that in mind when I'm there."

batter up

Next in line, Megan Paradzinski, sophomore, gets in the right mindset before she goes up to the plate. "I always tried to remember to relax," she said. "I just kept thinking about making contact with the ball."





making ends meet

25-3 record at season's end
cut short with Sectional loss

Suddenly called off the bench, pitcher Lori Andjelich, senior, felt her blood pressure rise at the realization that she was going in to pitch for the Sectional Championship game against Lake Central.

"Knowing I had to go in the game to stop them from scoring anymore was nerve racking for me," Andjelich said. "But having a game ride on my shoulders is something I'm used to since I've been pitching for so long."

Try as she might, Andjelich was unable to save the game as she and her teammates had hoped. They lost 3-2.

"I'll always remember the Lake Central game because it was my best game with a no-hitter," Andjelich added.

Although they lost, the girls, known as "the team to beat," according to Nicole Enright, senior, had an overall winning season with a 25-3 record. With only three games lost in regular season play, the girls felt like they could hit it out of the park on any given day.

"All those times we were preparing for a big game, we thought 'We're playing a really good, state-ranked team today,'

Enright said. "We didn't realize that those other teams were the ones saying that about us."

Even with such things to celebrate over, the team had its growing pains with Jackie Yerga, junior.

"First, I broke my pinkie and I could no longer legally pitch," Yerga said. "Then I had my knee cap out of place. It was like 'What could happen next?' I knew I wouldn't be ready for much post-season play, and when we lost, that sealed the deal."

The team's chemistry didn't only exist on the field. With the sleep overs, lock-in in the Fieldhouse, and the tee-peeking of the coaches' houses, the girls got along better than most coaches good hope for.

"We're a very bonded team, even though there were the large age gaps," Libbie Thompson, junior, said. "We tend

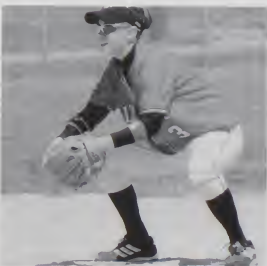
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safety in numbers

Safe on third, Mary Ann Spolnik, junior, makes it to third base. "When you're running to third, you know you have to run hard," Spolnik said. "You have to think about avoiding the tag. You also have to know what's going on around you."

short pitched

As she waits for the ball to be thrown to her, Lauren Parker, sophomore, squats down in position. "We threw the ball around to stay loose," Parker said. "Warming up was an important part of the game that you couldn't forget."



making ends meet

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to get along well all of the time, which makes it nice."

The season, although cut short by the Sectional loss, ended on a happy note.

"I'll always remember the people," Chrissy Domenico, senior, said. "We had such great unity and such great times."

Coach Beth Vesa, math teacher, agreed.

"We practiced for Sectionals all season," she said. "That was exactly what we wanted and we didn't make it. But the girls still had a lot of fun through the disappointment. Even if things sucked on the field, they were still able to laugh. They tee-peed my house and spent the night on my lawn without me even knowing. If that's not fun, I don't know what is."

So back on the mound against Lake Central, Andjelich sighed to have her hopes go down the drain. At least she had the memories.

"You always know your team is close when the catcher and coach throw 'big-boned' jokes back and forth," she said. "That was always good for a laugh, no matter how bad things got."



Freshman Softball (front row) Jennifer Romano, Stephanie Gorman, Christal del Real, Jennifer Collinsworth (second row) Valerie Alvarez, Jessica Hillbrich, Coach Ron Moore, Amanda Hoffman, Sara Johnson (back row) Megan Yothment, Kristina Cretu, Kara Korem, Melissa Cappel



JV Softball (front row) Eleanor Kennedy, Megan McKechnie, Laura Hennig, Taylor Della Rocco, Melissa Vargo, Jessica Korda, Carolyn Brown (second row) Jackie McCarthy, Liz Monell, Heather Loden, Emily Eagen, Coach Mike Coll, Kelly Mashura, Katelyn Chovanec, Kelly Werner, Justine Leonakis (back row) Katie Martino, Renae Kooy, Lauren Nourie, Jessica Clusserath, Amanda Schulte

follow the leader. Followed by Coach Vesa's daughter, Kya, Lori Andjelich, senior, takes a few warm-up laps around the field. "We all loved having Kya at our practices," Andjelich said. "She was so cute and made us all laugh a lot."



Varsity Softball (front row) Lori Andjelich, Mary Ann Spolnik, Danielle Blair, Hallie Gibbs, Nicole Enright, Lauren Parker (second row) Coach Mike Coll, Molly Tothment, Jackie Yerga, Coach Beth Vesa, Libbie Thompson, Chrissy Domenico, Coach Ron Moore (back row) Holly Japas, Megan Paradzinski, Manager Alex Andjelich, Emily Beezhold, Ashley Moore



prep talk

On her way up to bat, Nicole Enright, senior, receives some last minute advice from Coach Beth Vesa. "Her advice was always 'Do your thing!'" she said.

let loose

In pitcher's stance, Jackie Yerga, junior, releases the ball. "There's a lot to focus on," Yerga said. "I made sure I threw into a strike zone."



moment of truth

“

The team works together really well, but that's to be expected. With so many good players, they know how to play hard.

”

Coach

Mrs. Beth Vesa

JV Softball

Lake Central 2-6
TF South 9-1
Griffith 3-0
Wheeler 11-1
Merrillville 11-0
Merrillville 15-0
DeSales 23-0
Andean 6-1
Hanover Central 18-0
Highland 5-3
Kankakee Valley 11-2
Crown Point 2-0
Hobart 10-0
Lowell 9-0
Valparaiso 6-2
Portage 2-4

Highland Invite

Griffith 13-2
Lake Central 1-0
Chesterton 1-0
Merrillville 11-3
Highland 4-2
Lake Central 4-3

Lowell Invite

Kankakee Valley 13-0
Andean 5-1
Lowell 3-1
Andean 6-1

Record: 24-2

Freshman Softball

TF South 7-1
Marion Catholic 2-1
Marion Catholic 3-4
Gavit JV 10-0
Clark JV 8-0
North Newton JV 13-0
Lake Station JV 11-1

Record 6-1



all caught up

Before the next inning, Ashley Moore, freshman, warms up with her teammates. "We would throw in between every inning," she said. "Any girls in the dug out would come out and throw to loosen up."

signed, sealed, delivered

After being given a sign for a hit and run, Nicole Enright, senior, takes aim to hit the ball. "It's an easy sign to follow," Enright said. "There's not a lot of thinking involved. You have to hit no matter where the ball is."

moment of truth

“My high school career ended with me playing some of the best golf ever. I kinda had to recover from earlier in the year when I wasn't playing so great, but everything hit a peak at Sectionals.”

Joey Platek,
senior

Varsity Golf

Morton 167-214
Valparaiso 176-157
Andrean 169-165
Lake Central 171-177
Kankakee Valley
157-181
Portage 153-170
Bishop Noll 156-176
Crown Point 173-165
Hobart 162-162
Highland 164-164
Lowell 171-192
Griffith 342-354
Griffith 158-177
Twin Lakes Invite
5th place
Valparaiso Invite
5th place
Lake Central Invite
6th place

Sectionals
1st place-312

Regionals
4th place-319

Record 8-5
Conference Champs
Sectional Champs
State Qualifier—
Joey Platek

JV Golf

Morton 171-230
Valpo 190-173
Andrean 186-190
Lake Central 176-175
Kankakee Valley
175-198
Portage 181-192
Crown Point 176-186
Hobart 174-191
Highland 167-186
Griffith 348-389
Lowell Invite
2nd place

Record 8-2

attention grabber

After pulling out his club, Pero Ogrizovich, freshman, responds to his name being called. “We had fun at practice,” he said. “We all would joke around and it kept the mood light. We just played rounds of golf at practice so it was pretty relaxed.”

in check

While keeping score at practice, Tim Bishop, junior, argues with George Vauter, junior, over his number of strokes. “He was joking trying to say that he made it in four shots when really it was five,” Bishop said. “One person per group would keep score for every game.”



Boys' Golf (front row) Pero Ogrizovich, Rohan Bhagwat, Mike McNicholas, James Han, Mack Rawden, Greg Blair **(back row)** Andrew Kaminski, Tim Bishop, Tim Wasem, Joey Platek, Ryan Slosser, George Vauter, Coach Brian Clark

sand-trapped

Stuck in the sand, Mike McNicholas, junior, tries his best to still get a good shot. “This particular hole was hard,” he said. “It was a lot easier to get stuck in the sand than to avoid it.”



staying power

Team surpasses goals,
records at Sectionals

On the morning of Sectionals, the Golf Team found itself in the Athletic Office awaiting what had become the norm: English teacher Coach Brian Clark's, speech.

"We always had talks the day before and the mornings of our tournaments, but Sectionals was different this year," captain Joey Piatek, senior, said.

"Coach sat us down and showed us a picture of Ryan Marsh when he was about 8 years old, and his great attitude for life became an inspiration for us all that day—Sectionals was a big deal, but other things were important too."

A great attitude seemed to be the theme the Boys' Golf season, with Coach Clark's slogan: "PTP61505."

"It meant 'Perform to Potential,'" Piatek said "Not just in golf, but everyday—to be a good person. The numbers were the date of the final day of State—June 16—but it was also cool because the six stood for our ability to have a six game run for winning Sectionals, and we've won 15 total in Munster's history."

The team did perform to their potential, even if it got off to a rocky start.

"We had some inexperienced players

we had to develop, but we had potential," Mr. Clark said.

Led by Piatek's Medalist Honors 70, including birdies on all four par threes, the team shot a 312 at Sectionals, its lowest team score in two years and a season record. Junior Tim Bishop rounded out the top five, with an 82 at Sectionals. "We have good depth. Any player can move up to where he needs to be."

As Conference Champs, the team couldn't help but feel a sense of accomplishment. "After some close losses in the season, like to Hobart and Highland, it felt really good to come back and win Conference—we avenged ourselves," Piatek laughed.

Take it from Joe Cool himself. "The coolest thing about golf is that we really got along," Piatek said. "We enjoyed playing together and we got closer as the season went along. The game of golf is great, but it's the team—the players—that make it an enjoyable experience."

straight and narrow

Eye on the ball, Joey Piatek, senior, follows through with his shot. "I never realize I'm making a face when I shoot," Piatek said. "I'm always focused on my follow through, especially on tough holes."

put in place

As he places his ball on the tee, George Vauter, sophomore, positions the ball for a perfect shot. "The first shot is important," Vauter said. "It usually determined if you could make you could make par."



eyeline

Lining up his shot, Rohan Bagwhat, sophomore, examines the break. Bagwhat said. "If the green breaks 1 to adjust my shot to compensate for the change." Bagwhat shot a career-best 75 at Palmira during Sectionals.

moment of truth

“When we lost to Crown Point for the second time, I couldn't believe it. I felt so confident that we would win and go on to State, maybe even becoming State runner-up. It ended and we couldn't do anything about it but hope that Maureen [Modesto, sophomore] would do well as an individual at State.”

Rohini Chatterjee, junior

battle of the sexes

Prepared to be matched against a member of the Boys' Tennis Team, Lindsay Weiss, junior, Emily Kitchell, sophomore, Rohini Chatterjee, junior, Shobha Pai, junior, and Anna Guanzon, freshman, laugh while waiting, "Playing the boys helped us better our game," Pai said. "Facing the boys was fun because they were good practice for our harder meets."

on the fly

Ready to receive a forehand, Lindsay Weiss, junior, concentrates on the court. She'd played varsity since freshman year. "It was neat to have the younger girls look up to me, and it was nice to be able to help them out," Weiss said.

united front

Arms locked in an embrace, Maureen Modesto, sophomore, looks for support before a game from junior Lindsay Weiss, sophomore Katelyn Laszlo, and freshmen Emily Kitchell and Sam Tantillo.



Varsity Tennis

Crown Point 2-3
Lowell 5-0
Lake Central 5-0
Bishop Noll 5-0
Highland 4-1
North Central 1-4
Wheeler 5-0
Center Grove 1-4
Andean 5-0
Gavit 5-0
Penn 4-1
St. Joe 3-2
Culver Military Academy 2-3
Valparaiso 3-2
Plymouth 1-4

Warsaw Invite
3rd place

Sectionals
Lake Central 5-0
Gavit 5-0

Regionals
Crown Point 2-3

Record 12-5
LAC Champions
Sectional Champions
3rd in State Singles—
Maureen Modesto

State Record:
30th consecutive
Sectional title

JV Tennis

Crown Point 3-10
Lowell 4-1
Highland 7-3
Wheeler 6-0
Gavit 11-1

Record 4-1



Girls' Tennis (front row) Coach Lopez, Anna Guanzon, Shobha Pai, Emily Kitchell, Maureen Modesto, Lindsay Weiss, Sam Tantillo, Rohini Chatterjee, Katelyn Laszlo, Coach Sid Rothstein (second row) Coach Bill Carr, Mary VanDuerson, Pooja Kansal, Pooja Khatiwada, Anitha Umphay, Swara Kopparty, Sarah Galante, Roli Mandhana, Coach Bob Modesto (back row) Sarah Chowdhury, Risa Hurwich, Jenna Tritsch, Nicoletta Coduti, Mireya Villalba, Patricia Schmueser, Nora Kish



powers that be

Regional streak upset
first time in 12 years

Playing Crown Point as the first match of the season, the Girls' Tennis team didn't expect to be defeated. Upset 2-3 by their biggest rivals in the Region, the girls decided things had to be switched up before the season ended.

"We moved our No. 1 doubles team from Rohini [Chatterjee, junior] and Shobha [Pai, junior] to Rohini and Katelyn [Laszlo, sophomore]," said Assistant Coach Mr. Steven Lopez, history teacher. "We ran into a team that matched up well. We knew it'd be close the first time and at Regionals."

For Laszlo, it was too close for comfort. Serving the final match against Crown Point, she set up the ball and slammed it across, hoping for victory.

"I served and the girl's partner said something that sounded like 'out' so I stopped the ball," Laszlo said. "I was really confused because all of a sudden, all the Crown Point people started cheering 'We won!' and our opponents claimed that one of them said 'yours' instead of 'out.' It didn't make any sense because of course it was hers, she was receiving the serve."

Matching the identical 2-3 loss of the first game of the season, the team lost Regionals for the first time in 12 years. With only two returning Varsity

hard hit
Seeing the ball, No. 1 player Maureen Modesto, sophomore, prepares for an overhead hit. "It was important to not get distracted," she said. Maureen finished the season with a 25-3 record.

members and no seniors, the girls bounced to a solid 12-5 season record.

"We focused so much on practice and making things just like the game day," Maureen Modesto, No. 1 singles player, said. "We wanted to be the best we could, but that also meant playing for three to four hours of practice a day."

With her team stranded at Regionals, Modesto qualified for State as an individual. Carrying a 25-2 season record, 8-1 in post season play, she lost to Tiffany Welcher of Clarksville 6-3, 6-3 in the Semi-finals, and finished 3rd after beating Lauren Delancy from Franklin Central 6-0, 6-1 in the Consolation match. Modesto ended the season by earning All State First Team Singles honors.

"It was an honor, but it was from nothing but hours of practice," she said.

As the year served up disappointment and rewards, the team stayed optimistic about their game—and their chances against Crown Point, according to Coach Lopez.

"The girls are hungry now," he said. "They won't let it happen again."

coach approach
With an upcoming match in mind, junior Rohini Chatterjee receives advice from Coach Mr. Steven Lopez with partner Katelyn Laszlo, sophomore.



stand by
Anticipating the return, Katelyn Laszlo, sophomore, readies to hit the serve during a match against Highland. Laszlo and partner Rohini Chatterjee, junior, won the Highland match and went on to win Sectionals. "It was a good win," Laszlo said. "Highland is our rival, and it was nice to beat them."

moment of truth

“

What I wanted all season was to drop my times and to not get hurt. So many people injured themselves by not stretching and over use, and then they pulled their muscles. I tried to stretch as much as I could and not overwork myself so I didn't get hurt like everyone else.

”
Joe Dwars,
senior

“

We were really happy with some of the teams' improvements even though you didn't always see their names in the papers.

”
Coach
Aaron Brown

up for grabs

In full flight, Chris Selent, senior attempts to break the school's track record in the long jump. "I knew that was my last home meet and my last chance to break the track record, so I tried my hardest," he said. He broke the stadium record with a 23'2 1/2" jump. Later in the meet, Selent tweaked his hamstring while running the 400 Relay. He later nursed it on the field with Rich Meyers, sophomore, looking on. "The injury hurt my chances in hurdles and the 400," he said. "It was a huge disappointment."



Varsity Track

Highland, Hobart 86
Kankakee Valley 86
Hammond Relays 96
Gary Roosevelt 49

LAC In-Door
1st place: 103.5 pts

LAC Conference
4th place

Mustang Invite
2nd place: 97 pts

Sectionals
2nd place: 95 pts

Record 4-3
Regional Qualifiers:
Chris Selent
Danny White
Greg Gier
State Qualifier:
Chris Selent
School Record:
Chris Selent
Long Jump
23'2 1/2"



Boys' Track (front row) Grant Felgenhauer, Nick Benedek, Eliot Benman, Greg Gier, Chris Selent, Brian Rubesh, Aaron Pleitner, Joe Dwars, Phil Shapiro, Kevin Strbiak (second row) Coach Ruth Brown, Adam Cooper, Alex Shmagranoff, Chris Cheng, Warren Lane, Rich Meyers, Matt Jones, Jose Gutierrez, Dave Snuckel, Ashiri Shah, Jose Kho, Joe Jamich (third row) Coach Aaron Brown, Jacob Gerber, Sam Kasmark, Jeff Justus, Brendan Georgas, Jason Pastrana, Michael Fisher, Dan Crisman, Alex Brajak, Phil Chang, Tom Mambourg, Coach Brian Vance (fourth row) Blake Williams, James Burgwald, Pat Doherty, John Jurkash, Nick Pantazis, Cam Selent, Kenny Hamilton, Tim Yee, Anthony Fattore, Bryan Wysock (back row) Ted Hanak, Ed Gier, Danny Kretz, Tim Qualls, Dan Rak, Kyle Harker, Mitch LaRock, Jimmy Hunt, Lararick Whitlock, Danny White

ahead of time

While pushing himself to finish the race, junior Danny White, checks his watch to see his pace. "I tried to keep track of my races myself, this way I knew exactly what I had to do," White said.

flying high

Selent's 4th at State ends season on strong note

Running the straightaway of the 400 Relay's third leg during the Mustang Invite, Chris Selent, senior, felt sure of his fast moving legs. As he approached the turn, he felt something in his leg pull and a shooting pain.

After a pulled hamstring injury, Selent continued to strive for his personal goals. Although his injury prevented him from competing in the hurdles, Chris managed to have a record-breaking season.

It started at the Chesterton meet when Chris broke the school long jump record of 21' 5 1/2" with a 23' 2 1/2" jump.

"I set goals for myself at every meet," Selent said. "Everytime I tried to reach them, which I usually did."

More of the team had pain than Selent. When the first major injury occurred at the Highland/Hobart meet, the team's over-all performance began hurting.

"This season was kind of disappointing because the guys had so much potential that fell short from their injuries," said Coach Mr. Aaron Brown, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher.

If Selent's injury wasn't enough, David Snuckle, junior, suffered the pains of a snapped tendon in his foot. "When

Snuckle got hurt it was a real disappointment," Greg Gier, senior, said. "He injured his foot during his fastest race of the season. There was no doubt in my mind, had he not been hurt, he would have qualified for State."

Gier's season was also cut short during his final jump at Regionals. Greg placed fourth at the Regional meet and missed State by one vault.

"I did well at the beginning," he said. "I hit the bar with my hand on the way down from my last jump."

The team received help from its younger members as well. Jim Hunt broke the freshman long jump record for the first time since the 60s. Danny White, junior, ran his fastest time for the one-mile with 4:34 and two-mile with 10:03.

In the end, Selent overcame his pain to be the only team member to triumph at Regionals and move on to State, where he finished fourth with a jump of 22' 7".

clear the air

Pole in hand, Greg Gier, senior, flies over the bar. "I liked doing pole vault the best," Gier said. "It was always exciting being that high in the air."

high and mighty

Flying through the air, Mike Fisher, sophomore, executes his jump. "I'd concentrate on the height and what my coach told me at practices," he said.



in good hands

As records fall,

10 girls qualify for State

Racing around the corner in the 1,600 Relay, Ashley DeVries, senior, let her legs slow down beneath her. Her arms, however, kept up the speed, racing the baton to her partners.

"No matter what, if I kept my arms going, I could keep my whole body going," DeVries said. "Swimming made my arms really muscular. Pumping them kept the momentum."

Leading the Girls' Track Team to their sixth straight Lake Athletic Conference meet championship May 10, DeVries aimed high. Riding on several first places early in the season, DeVries ran four events and won them all—the 100 with 12.71, the 200 with 26.64, the 400 Relay with 50.58 and the 1,600 Relay with 4:07.70, a track and meet record.

Teammate Chelsy Kimes, sophomore, went for record breaking too, hitting a stadium long jump record of 17'6 1/2".

"I pushed myself to my personal bests," Kimes said. "I worked on the event all year, so it paid off when I broke the record and when I made it to State."

Nine other girls along with Kimes qualified for State. With a strong hold

throw around

With full concentration, Karen Larsen, freshman, releases her discus. "I would put all my energy into getting a good throw," said Karen. "It took a lot of focus, but that's what I liked."



armed and dangerous

Arms wide open, Brittany Bohling, senior, executes her long jump. "I just tried to concentrate on running as fast as I could to hit my mark," Bohling said. "There can be a lot running through your head, but you have to focus on what you have to do."

on most teams, victory was sweet.

"We had meets canceled earlier in the season," Coach Mr. Rob McCall, English teacher, said. "That pushed them to the brink, not being able to run. They wanted to get out and run as fast as they could."

The team proved their coach right, racing to field honor rolls in almost every event. Ruth Christopher, freshman, attributed her 1:02.1 in the 400 Relay to her teammates' help.

"Jennie [Jamicich, junior] was always there to help," Christopher said. "When I made my record at the Mustang Invite, she was right there cheering us on."

In the end, the season came down to first places and record breakers.

"We got where we wanted to be," Coach Mr. Dirk Sloan, Wilbur Wright Middle School teacher, said. "The freshmen worked so hard and achieved so much in a short year. They stepped up to make the team."

upper hand

Reaching the baton, Ashley DeVries, senior, practices exchanges with Sarah Rubino, freshman, and Brittany Bohling, senior. "A slow exchange can make a world of difference at the end," DeVries said.





on the fly

Body stretched, Chelsy Kimes, sophomore, completes her long jump. "We had a great season," Kimes said. "I worked really hard, and it all paid off when I broke the record of 17'6"."

hop to it

Caught in mid-hurdle, Stefanie Dohman, sophomore, focuses on the rest of her race. "Hurdles was an event that you had to stay focused on what's ahead," Dohman said. "It's easy to mess up."



Girls' Track (front row) Coach Dirk Sloan, Christia Bieda, Jennifer Jamichich, Katelyn Bochnowski, Sylvia Borowicz, Chelsy Kimes, Brittany Bohling, Ashley DeVries, Stefanie Dohman, Sarah Rubino, Coach Rob McCall (second row) Kristine Kho, Sophie Griggs Nicole Trimolt, Lani Ravelo, Kristine Kovach, Marissa Sylvester, Kristen Pagane, Allison Medina, Annie Marinakos (third row) Amy Fuhs, Jennifer Novasei, Lovelyn Pastrana, Debbie Wilczynski, Ashley McGuire, Eunice Ntiemoah, Ruth Christopher, Megan Hruska, Amy Fuhs, Molly Poczontek, Stephanie Gajewski (back row) Desiree Cossyleon, Sam Torres, Annie Soaman, Onanisan Gbagi, Tabitha Strong, Coach Michelle Duffy, Julie Zivich, Jenna Brakulis, Lindsey Ziemba, Rachel Quinones

moment of truth

"When I broke my record, it was like 'Wow, I finally did what I wanted to.' To be announced at the end of the meet was the coolest feeling in the world."

Chelsy Kimes, sophomore

Varsity Track

Hobart, Highland

1st place: 87

Kankakee Valley

1st place: 91 pts

Hammond Relays

1st place

Highland Invite

1st place: 155 pts

Mustang Invite

1st place: 141pts

LAC In-Door

1st place: 127 pts

LAC Invite

1st place

Sectionals

2nd of 11: 129 pts

Regionals

8th of 27: 32 pts

State

50th: 6 pts

Record 6-0

LAC Champs

Sectional Champs:

100: Ashley DeVries

400: Ruth Christopher

Long Jump:

Chelsy Kimes

State Qualifiers:

Christia Bieda

Stefanie Dohman

Amy Fuhs

Sophie Griggs

Jennie Jamichich

Chelsy Kimes

Kristen Pagane

Sara Rubino



holler back girls
Fists pumped, seniors Kelly Fray, Brittany Bohling, Kristen Szafasz and Jessie Stalmack lead the crowd in the fieldhouse. "The crowd always gave us a great response," Bohling said.

Junior Varsity Cheerleading (front row) Lauren Drosos, Marissa Slyvester, Megan McKechnie (middle row) Marissa Zoppetti, Bridget Parker, Eunice Ntiamoah, Katie Szafasz (back row) Matie Velasquez, Taylor Della Rocco, Alyssa Hruskocy



Freshman Cheerleading (front row) Alex Cohen, Ashley Lair, Jenna Tritsch (middle row) Sarah Rubino, Taylor Brian (back row) Alyssa Spungen, Debbie Wilczynski, Ashley Arens



hug shot

With a smile from a fourth grader, Kelly Fray, senior, gives a hug. "Little kids from our day camp cheered with us at a few games," Fray said. "They wanted to do everything like us."



to the point

With senior Angela Sowinski guiding them into position, junior Andrea Coulis and seniors Brittany Bohling, Aubrey Velasquez and Ashley Brown hold junior Kim Hasse on a pyramid mount. "It was so important to get everyone in exactly the right position," Hasse said.



stand in

Reacting to the action on the football field, sophomores Marissa Zoppetti and Eunice Ntiamoah wait in the stands before cheering. "I liked supporting the team," Zoppetti said. "I went to all the events, and football was my favorite."

twist and shout

Injury brings abrupt end to long season

Over the crowd's roar, Kim Hasse, junior, fought back her fears and continued cheering as her teammates hoisted her into the air for a mount. With her fears of falling confirmed a few seconds later, she felt her teammates' grasps slipping.

"When the build hit its peak, it felt unsteady," Hasse said. "Some people brought me down but others kept me up, so my body turned as I came down."

One mistake proved too many when Hasse's fall left the team one girl short for the next three weeks due to her bruised kneecap.

"It was hard with 11 girls," Kristen Szafasz, senior, said. "We tried bringing up girls from JV, but it got to be too much. We stuck with 11 and made new mounts."

Although unable to compete in one of their two competitions because of the injured teammate, the girls still found ways to make their season worthwhile.

"We had fun decorating the basketball and football players' houses," Brittany Bohling, senior, said. "Promoting spirit for our school was fun since everyone cooperated this year. Last year and the year before, no one got along."

Through it all, the girls' hard work was well worth it, according to their coach.

"They were a very talented squad."

Coach Irish Hayduk said. "We definitely out shined other teams because of our strong elements like our tumbling."

Tumbling provided a major aspect for many of the girls. The flips the girls performed often won awards at camp and shocked many opposing squads.

"Brittany [Bohling, senior]'s awesome tumbling always caused chaos during time-outs," Tamiko Toyama, junior, said. "You could always bet after she did a full flip our fans would follow with a 'you can't do that' chant."

Because of difficult elements such as their flips and builds, the girls earned enough points at competition to win a bid to nationals. Although school policy does not allow teams to travel to nationals, many felt the season was still a success.

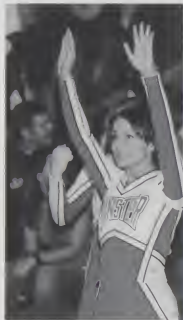
"We had a strong squad. We all got along," Kelly Fray, senior, said. "We expected to do well, and we proved ourselves by receiving the bid to nationals."

fall into line

In unison, seniors Ashley Brown, Aubrey Velasquez, Kelly Fray, Brittany Bohling, Jessie Stalmack and Kristen Szafasz cheer football team from the sidelines. "At the track, we could do more things, like big mounts with all three squads," Stalmack said.

stick em up

Hands raised in support, Andrea Coulis, junior, watches free throws at a basketball game against Andean. "When we put our hands up and the player made the shot, we'd yell 'swosh!'" Coulis said. "After a while, the fans caught on. It felt good when fans cheered along with us."



Varsity Cheerleading (front row) Andrea Coulis, Kim Hasse, Tamiko Toyama (middle row) Hilary Grunewald, Jordan Sunderland, Kelly Fray, Brittany Bohling (back row) Ashley Brown, Aubrey Velasquez, Angela Sowinski, Jessica Stalmack, Kristen Szafasz

best foot forward

Beating rivals
for first time
defines team

Anxiously awaiting the results, Lizzie Browder, sophomore, looked at her teammates' faces with hope. They had prepared two weeks before the Homestead Tournament, hoping to beat Lake Central, their number one area rival.

Finally getting the scores, Browder's excitement—and the happiness of her fellow dance team members—couldn't be contained. They'd beat Lake Central after years of coming up short.

"After we won, we were just walking on air," Browder said. "We didn't beat Lake Central by much, but it was just enough for us to get by. It was so rare for us to get first."

This feeling had the girls dancing—literally—all the way to State March 5.

"We knew we won," Alexa Harris, junior, said. "It gave us so much determination for State."

Once on the State floor, though, that special something from Homestead disappeared, Harris said. "We knew we had the ability to beat Lake Central and Floyd Central [from southern Indiana], but for some reason it just didn't happen out on the dance floor," she said.

Browder shared those sentiments. "So much work comes down to five minutes at State," she said. "All those hours after school, all the practicing, basically your entire season ends up on the floor there and that's it."

kid stuff

While teaching moves at the Pom's Annual Kiddie Camp, Alexa Harris, junior, shows kindergartners how to begin their routine. "You have to be patient with the young kids," Harris said. "One of the girls cried the whole time. She even cried while they were performing their piece at the end."

The girls didn't misstep—they placed third in State, behind perennial rivals Lake Central and Floyd Central. Leah Alberson, junior, placed first for her solo piece, as well as second place for an ensemble with juniors Harris and Melissa Crary. Those three girls, along with junior Elyse Van Camp and sophomore Kaitlin Richie made the All-State team.

Ilissa Gershman stayed positive throughout. "Not beating Lake Central was disappointing, but we overcame it," she said. "You win as a team and you lose as a team. It makes it a little easier."

That cheerful outlook carried the girls beyond their losses and let them focus on their gains. With only three weeks off during the year, their determination gained them a slot at Nationals. But due to ISSHA policy that no sport can compete at Nationals, they were unable to attend.

No matter what awards and recognition, the team remained close.

"The team grew over the year and became very strong," Riyona Abraham, sophomore, said. "We had one of the strongest varsity teams ever. Even if we didn't win it all, we still kept it together."

just for kicks

Smiles wide on the football field, Lauren Tanzillo, freshman; Melissa Crary, junior; and Kaitlin Newell, sophomore, dance to "I Need A Hero" at the Homecoming game. "The hardest part of this dance was getting our legs up in unison and holding onto each other at the same time," Newell said.





stretching the limit

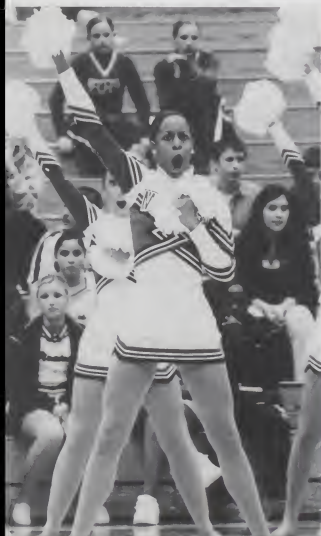
Stretching her leg as far as possible, Kristina Standley, senior, gets ready for a two hour after school practice in the fieldhouse. "It was so important to warm up before we went over our moves," Standley said. "If I didn't stretch, I knew my muscles would feel awful the next day."



to the point

As part of her ensemble dance, Melissa Crary, junior, stretches herself into the splits at the Munster Poms Invite. "Being out on floor was always a rush of excitement," she said. "I loved getting out there and expressing myself through dance."

Varsity Dance (front row) Megan Krueger, Emily Kitchell, Rachel Eldert, Sarah Liszka, Elyse Van Camp (second row) Samantha Taylor, Kaitlin Newell, Kaitlin Richie, Leah Albersen (back row) Alexa Harris, Lauren Tanzillo, Melissa Crary, Riyona Abraham, Jackie Kovach



move to the music

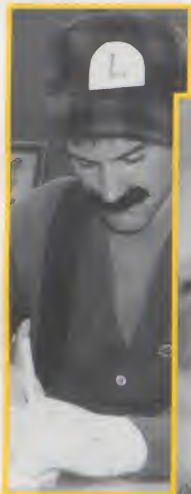
In beginning form at practice after school, the Dance Team works on their competition dance. "We conquered Lake Central with this dance at the Homestead meet," Elyse Van Camp, junior, said. "Everything that went into it, all the practices and all the sweat, made Poms just like playing a real sport."

oh-ver the top

Equipped with poms for their normal routine, Riyona Abraham, sophomore, cheers with her team. "We performed once at the Munster Invite," she said. "We were the strongest in Pom category when we competed. We knew exactly what we had to do."

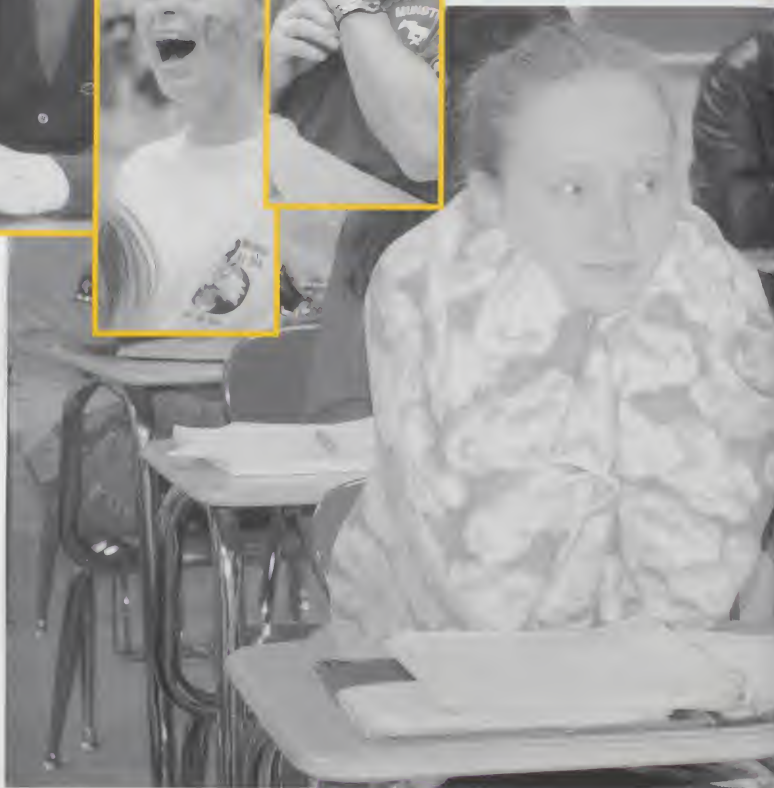
Junior Varsity Dance

(front row) Courtney Basile, Natalie Miyashiro, Olivia Gershman (second row) Nicoletta Coduti, Kaitlin Hines, Mary Baggett, Michele Zehner (third row) Leann Sikora, Tashi Damjanovich, Mimi Grozdanich



different as night and day

On arch-nemesis day Joey Platek, senior, dresses up as Luigi for Senior Spirit Week. "Tom Grantner was Mario," he said. "We tried to think of enemies with long and skinny or short and fat duos." After the greased watermelon race at the Homecoming pep session, a friend makes Amanda Scott, freshman, laugh. Hiding behind his goggles and swim cap, Assistant Principal Mr. Al Gandolfi waits to be pied in the face at the Homecoming pep rally. "It was messy," Mr. Gandolfi said of his specialized head gear. "I don't like to be sticky, and it became pretty sticky."



a slice of odds and ends



Three hundred and eighty-three freshman, 377 sophomores, 339 juniors, 307 seniors and 89 teachers and administrators **added up** to more than 1,495 people at school, but a unique blend of interests, backgrounds and lives.

I Pretending to focus on the lecture, Sarah Grabarczyk, junior, **doodled Manga characters** on her sketchpad, as Mrs. Renee Kouris, English teacher, prepared her students for their poetry project.

I Click after click, Ryan Miller, freshman, typed **computer codes** while building the Wilbur Wright Middle School Pom's web-site.

I With a phone call every Saturday to his girlfriend in Lithuania, Ugnius Vaitiekus, senior, **kept in touch** with his homeland.

Combined, people made up the odds and ends.

Without them, classes **wouldn't be the same.**

chilled to the bone

Listening for her Jeopardy question in Mr. Mike Blaze's AP U.S. History class, Kim Dooley, junior, tugs her blanket closer for warmth. "Having the blanket was a way to stay warm and comfy whenever I needed it," Kim said. "I also used it in classes like Spanish 4 and AP Biology, where it felt like I was outdoors in dead of winter."

raiseyourvoice

WORDS OF WISDOM

What senior privileges exist in school and how do they work?

“ Depending on the activity you are in, when you are a senior, you’re the head of that field. When you’re a freshman, the upperclass representatives what your interest is all about.”

Martin Blumberg,
senior

“ When I was a sophomore I had to park by the bus barn, and now that I’m a senior I have a spot right next to the handicap spots.”

Sarah Burnstein,
senior

“ Whatever the senior says, goes. At lunch one time, Mike Hawryszkow made Alyssa Spungen get up on the lunch table and had her scream ‘I love Mike Hawryszkow!’ She was like ‘I can’t believe this,’ but she did it.”

Kelly Fray,
senior

“ It’s easier to talk to anyone because you’re older. The underclassmen look up to you because you’re older and the teachers are easier to talk to because they know you and you know them.”

Phil Shapiro,
senior

“ Seniors get respect from underclassmen. It’s a weird feeling: you feel more respected because you’re older. You’re able to meet more people since they think that since you are a senior you must be cool.”

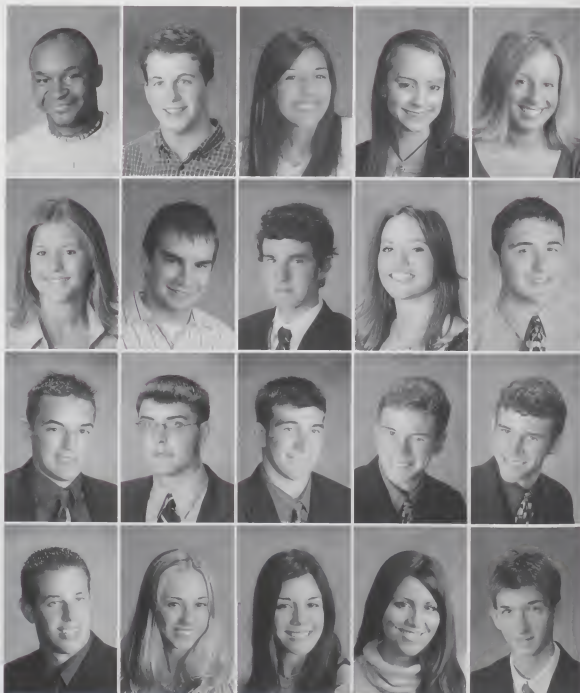
Bojan Rajkovic,
senior

Ena Akaforo: Spanish Club 12; Track 10-12
Daniel J. Albrecht-Mallinger: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 11-12; Theater 9-10; Amnesty International 9-12
Elena Marie Alcalá: Track 9-12; Spanish Club 9; DECA 11
Elizabeth S. Alonzo
Ashley Elizabeth Alters: Tennis 9

Lori Andjelich: Basketball 9-10; Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12
Radu Apostopia: Swimming 9-11; Tennis 10-11; NHS 10-12; Academic Team 10; Spanish Club
Eric Appelsies: Speech 9-12; Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Paragon 11; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10-12
Jessica Arens: Ping Pong 10; Softball 9; Project X 10-11; ASL 11; DECA 11; SADD 11-12; Fashion Club 10
Spelios Theodore Bacoyanis: Swimming 9; Mixed Ensembles 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10; Speech and Debate 12; Orchestra 9-11; Pep Band 10-12; Musical 10-11

Mark Balicki: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Wrestling 9-10; Track 9-10; JETS 11-12
Steven Balog: Swimming 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 12; Pep Band 12; JETS 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Academic Super Bowl 11-12; NHS 11-12
Brent J. Banach: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; NHS 11-12
Joel Richard Barnes: Football 9-11; Track and Field 9-10; Choir 9-12 (All-State); Ensembles 10-12; Theatrical 10-12; Speech and Debate 11-12
Jordan K. Barnes: Football 9-11; Track 9-10; Speech/Debate 12; Ensemble 10-12 (All-State); Theatre Company 10-12; African Drumming 12

Kyle Bedich: Football 9-12; Track 11
Michelle Rose Becka: Speech 9-12 (treas. 11, vice pres. 12); Spanish Club 9-11; NHS 11-12; SADD 10-12; CEC 11-12; Theater 10-12; Ping Pong 11
Natalie Belkairous: Swimming 9-11; NHS 11-12; French Club 9-12
Cristina Iris Benavente: Project X 10-11; SADD 11; Theatrical 11-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Ensemble 10-12; Cross Country 12; DECA 12
Eliot Benman: Band 9; Orchestra 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Debate 12; French Club 12





“We can cut in the lunch line, but every time I try they send me to the back of the line.”

**Emily Bradley,
senior**

“Graduating half-way through is what I’m doing. I’m going to work, and make money for college instead of being in school.”

**Joey Petrone,
senior**

“Teachers are more lenient on what you can say or do. They don’t care as much about how we talk. Cutting in the lunch line is a senior privilege, and we also get custody of the Commons.”

**Brent Banach,
senior**

scream and shout
In the front row of the senior section at a football game, Alex Rodriguez-Ruich and Rachel Myszak, seniors, show their support. “We made beaters to spell out ‘Munster,’ Alex said. “But someone was always missing so it was never right.”



cheer up
Pumped up in the fieldhouse, seniors Brian Rubesha, Ryan Dillner, Kyle Becich and Prince Kwateng yell to their classmates competing in the pep rally. “We had to get everyone going,” Ryan said. “We wanted to win!”

hair spray
Can of white hair dye in hand, Arturo Paramo, senior, sprays junior Marinko Repac’s head on Homecoming. “I wanted to spread school spirit,” Arturo said. “It was fun to dye everyone’s hair with the stuff.”

paint the halls red
Lipstick in hand, Missy Gratska, senior, leaves her mark on a freshman’s face on Homecoming. Seniors waited three years to have the authority to rule the school with lipstick during Spirit Week.



mutualfriendshift

WORDS OF WISDOM

How has your
group of friends
changed since you
started high
school?

“I’m growing up and trying new things. My circle of friends is changing. However, my ‘true’ friends will always be there no matter how different we are. So my group of friends has really not changed that much.”

Kavita Nana,
senior

“We have all gone our separate ways when we realized where we were going to college. And they all got girlfriends, and that gets pretty serious. Girlfriends played a big roll in us not hanging out.”

Pete Drogolewicz,
senior

“For senior year, I’ve been a lot more reserved and more focused on school, with applications and getting ready for college. My group of friends became smaller because I focused myself so much on school.”

Murad Omery,
senior

“Freshman year I had a big group of friends. After that year we all split up into smaller groups. I realized my true friends. This huge group turned into four good friends.”

Lucy Brown,
senior

“I’ve branched farther than just the people in my classes. Now I have friends who go to other schools and I’ve become friends with their friends too.”

Erica Ranade,
senior

touch of class
In the cafeteria before school, Brian Sherman, sophomore, Rachel Heinrich, junior and Beth Rubino, senior, mingle regardless of age.

Erica Bhavsar: Project X 9-12; Spanish Club 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 9-12

Andrew Bissonette: Spanish Club 9
Martin R. Blumberg: Auditorium Staff 12; Spanish Club 12; ASL 10; Speech 11; Theater Company 10-12 (vice pres. 12) Musical 10-12; Thespian 11-12; Ensembles 12

Brittany Bohling: Track 9-12 (capt. 12); Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9, 12); Diving 9; NHS 11-12; Student Govt. 12; ASL 10-12; CEC 9; Project X 9-11; DECA 10; Aquarium Club 9
Zak Boswell: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12; Project X (10-12); Student Govt. 11-12 (vice pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Jets 11-12

Douglas E. Boyer: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Orchestra 10-12; Pep Band 9-12; Ping-Pong 12
Emily N. Bradley: Band 9-12 (Drum Major 10-12); Pep Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Theatre Company 9-12; Thespian 10-12

Stephenie Nicole Brajak: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9-10; Track 9-12; ASL 10-11; SADD 12; Homecoming Queen 12
Jessica Gospava Brakulis: Swimming 9-12 (capt. 11-12)

Ashley Lauren Brian: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-12; SADD 12; ASL 11

Beau Brokop

Ashley Meghan Brown: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 9); ASL 10-12 (treas. 12) Project X 10
Lucy Brown: CEC 9 (treas. 9); Art Club 9; Project X 10-12; SADD 11-12

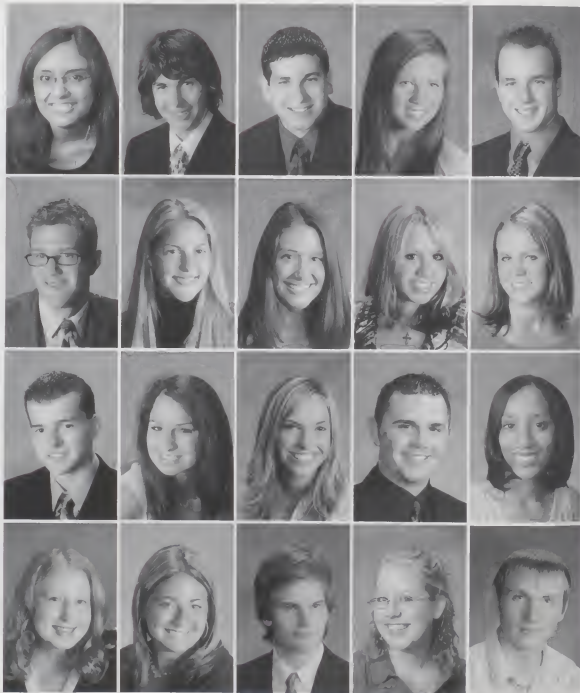
Grant Burdeau: Football 9; Soccer 10-11
Melissa Burford: Track 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Band 9-11

Nicole Burns: Theatre Company 10-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12

Sarah Burnstein: DECA 10; SADD 11-12; Project X 11-12; ASL 11-12

Philip Caap: Foreign Exchange student; Debate 12; Wrestling 12

Nicole Adele Cacich: Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Theater 10-12; Thespian 11-12; Spanish Club 10
John Camp: German Club 9-12





“My guy friends have pretty much stayed the same. They are all the same people that I hung out with in 7th grade. Some are new; some aren't as close. For the most part we've all grown closer.”

Sara Pappas,
senior

“In freshman year I hung out with my friends from middle school. Then I joined theater and speech and switched to being friends with the drama kids. I have been friends with them for the past three years.”

Chetan Chaubal,
senior



Laura Campus: ASL 12
Marnan Campos: Spanish Club 9-12; French Club 9-11; Tennis 9-11; Orchestra 9-12; Project X 9-11; Auditorium Staff 10-11, ASL 12
Jenna Marie Candiano: Marching Band 9-12; Theatre Company 9-12; Thespian Club 10-12; Auditorium Staff 9-12; Pep Band 10-12; Jazz Band 10; German Club 10-11
Seth Carlberg:
Adam R. Carlson: Soccer 9-11; Ping Pong 10-11; Speech 9; *Paragon* 11 (Design Editor 11)

Ashley Nicole Carlson: Soccer 9-11; DECA 10-12; Athletic Trainer 11-12; Project X 10-12; *Crier* Photog. 11
Nicole D. Castor: Spanish Club 9-10; Tennis 9; Track 10-11
Philip Chan: NHS 11-12 (treas.); Tennis 9-12; Science Olympiad 9-12; National Merit Finalist; Academic Team 10-12; Ping Pong 12
Christen Chapman: Band 9-10; Pep Band 9; Track 9; DECA 11-12
Chetan Chaubal: Theatre Company 9-12; Musicals 9-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; Tennis 9-11; Spanish 9-12; Ensemble 11-12; Orchestra 9-11; African Drumming 11-12; Driving 9

Michael Cheek:
Allison Marie Chelgren: Volleyball 9-12 (capt. 9-10, 12); CEC 11-12 (vice pres. 11-12); *Paragon* 11-12 (Head Photog. 11; Asst. Editor 12); NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 11-12; Swimming 9; Band 9; Hoosier Girls' State 11
David Chen: Tennis 9-12; Science Olympiad 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; NHS 11-12; Academic Team 10-12
Jacen Chen: Wrestling 12; DECA 12
Gina Christopher: Basketball 9; Track 10, 12; Student Gov't 9; Spanish Club 12; ASL 12; *Paragon* 11 (Clubs Editor 11)

Richard Cigler: Football 9-11
Trevor H. Clippert: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-10
Matthew Coduti: Wrestling 9-10; Pep Band 9-10
Corrie Beth Cummins: Band 9-11; Pep Band 9-10; Aquarium Club 10; Spanish Club 10
Lauren Christina Davis: Project X 9-10; SADD 10; Dance Team 9-11; Spanish Club 9

“
Mrs. [Lisa] Valent [math teacher] was the hardest teacher I ever had to get around because she's not very lenient. She will help you out if you need it, but she'll never take excuses.”

”
Jon Hansen,
senior

“
You can get around the rules by not paying attention to them. Mrs. [Lynn] Schumacher is hard to get around because it is Sign Language and it is obvious when someone talks.”

”
John Nootens,
senior

“
You have to learn new tricks, like instead of taking notes you write a note to your friend. Not to mention the adrenaline when a teacher walks past you when your writing notes and you quickly have to hide it to not get caught.”

”
Nicole Castor,
senior



Shannen Davis: Spanish 9
Jeff De Armond: Baseball 9, 11-12
Alyssa DeBold: CEC 9; ASL 12; Spanish Club 12
Chris DeMars: Track 9
Matthew DeRolf: Basketball 9-10; Baseball 9-12

Ashley DeVries: Cross Country 9-12 (capt. 12);
Track 9-12 (capt. 10-12) *Crier* 11-12 (Sports Editor 11, Editor in Chief 12); NHS 11-12; CEC 10
Emily L. Diekmann: Theatre Company 9-12;
Spanish Club 9; ASL 11; Ensemble 9-12;
Basketball 9; Track 9-10
Ryan Dillner: Football 9-12
Mark Djuric: Jazz Band 9-11
Christina Jennie Domenico: Soccer 9-12;
Softball 9-12; NHS 11-12; SADD 11-12 (treas. 10);
Ping Pong 11-12

Ryan A. Drees: Concert Choir 9-12
Ashley Marie Drobac: German Club 9-11;
French Club 12
Pete Drogolewicz
Brennan C. Drosos
Jennifer Dubish: Drama 11-12; Thespian 12;
Track 9-10

Ashley Marie Dudzik: Volleyball 9-11
Joseph Dwars: Football 9-12; Track 9-12; NHS
11-12; French Club 11-12; Ping Pong 9-10
Karly Dytrych: Auditorium Staff 10-11
Elliot A. Eismen: Band 9-12; Pep Band 10-12;
French Club 11
Brad Elias



alljokingaside

WORDS OF WISDOM

“I guess the biggest way is to just be sneaky. You should always know where the teacher is. Try to be an inconspicuous as possible.”

Brogan Guthrie, senior

class clown
Surrounded by seniors Val Umlauf, Neeraj Prasad, Suman Rao and juniors Tamiko Toyama and Rohini Chatterjee, Mr. Dave Franklin, science teacher, laughs with his students in Honors Microbiology.

“I just tend to do what I want and it all ends up to work out fine. The easiest is Mr. [Mike] Hackett [Health teacher] because he lets us do whatever we want.”

Teddy Horowitz, senior

“If you cultivate a good relationship and they think you put in a legitimate effort, teachers are understanding. Teachers can't let stuff slide or they get no respect. You don't mess with a teacher when you respect them.”

Jared Flahaven, senior

“Mr. [Jeff] Graves has to be the easiest, because you can sidetrack him. Mrs. [Pat] Premetz is definitely the hardest. If you're talking during work time, it equals death--and less consideration if you're between grades.”

Suman Rao, senior

**How do you get around teachers and their rules?
Who's the easiest teacher to get around and who's the hardest?**



Teo Ellis: Cross Country 11; Principal's Advisory Team 11-12; Project X 12; Football 9-10; Spanish Club 9; Wrestling 9-11
Nicole Enright: Volleyball 9; Basketball 9 11; Softball 9-12
Mark Evans: German Club 10-12
Mark Everette: Track 9-12
Jonathan M. Fisher: Football 9 12; Debate 11-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9-11; Speech 9 10

Jared Casteel Flahaven: Soccer 9-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 12; Hoosier Boys State 11
Stephanie Frank: Marching Band 10-12; German Club 11; Pep Band 9-12; Orchestra 10-11
Kelly Fray: Cheerleading 9-10, 12 (capt. 9, 12); Track 9-12; SADD 9-11; Project X 9-11
Jonathan Logan Funston: Football 9-12 (All-Conference, All-Area); Soccer 9-12 (All-Conference, All-District); Student Govt. 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Basketball 9; Concert Choir 11, 12
Jeffrey Robert Gaik: Spanish Club 9; Swimming 9-12 (capt. 12)

Morgan Anne Geberin: Spanish Club 9 10; Project X 10-12; ASL 11; Dance Team 9-11; Ensemble 12; Track 9; African Drumming 12
Rob Cephart:
Gregory A. Gier: Soccer 9; Wrestling 10; Track 9-12; Ping-Pong club 11-12
Jessica Gorman: Softball 9
Mariann Gornal: Softball 9-10

Rachel Jean Gosciej: French Club 9-10, 12; Theatre Company 9-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12; Thespian 10-12; NHS 11-12; Amnesty Int. 9-10, 12; Ensemble 12; *Crier* 11 (News Editor 11)
Jason Gott: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Speech / Debate 9-12; Academic Team 11-12; NHS 12; Valedictorian
Tom Granter: Football 9-12 (capt. 12, All Conference); Student Govt. 11-12; JETS 11-12
Melissa Graska: Fashion Club 12
Andrew Graves: Wrestling 9-10; DECA 11-12; Project X 11-12; SADD 12; Speech 12; Debate 12; Art Club 9

knowyourplace

WORDS OF WISDOM

How do you avoid
crowds in the
hallways when
moving from
North to South?

“I avoid the hallways by Mrs. Stoll's room after lunch because everyone crowds around them. The hall by the library is the most clear. The worst intersection in the school is by Ms. Sieger's room!”

Elizabeth Volkoff,
senior

“Stay on the inside in that little freeway space, otherwise the kids with their big backpacks get in your way, and you can't get around them. You gotta use the available space, dude.”

Christina Benavente
senior

“I tried avoiding all the crowds, but then gave up when I found myself being trampled by the Freshman Class, who happen to be taller than me.”

Neerja Prasad,
senior

“I either walk fast to avoid all the crowds or I'll yell and be rude. I hate that people don't open both doors!”

Ali Nykiel,
senior

“Many times I've dreamt of just lowering my shoulders and plowing down all the little freshmen.”

David Pavkovich,
senior

passing time in their seven minutes between class, seniors Jeff De Armond and Jessie Stalmack discuss the day's events. “We would stand in the hallways everyday,” Jeff said. “Sometimes we would be late to class.”

Genevieve Joann Grdina: Student Govt. 9-12 (Student Body President 12); Speech 9-12 (sec. 11); Hist. 12; Theatre Company 9-12 (Vice Pres. 12); NHS 11-12 (sec. 12); Thespian 10-12; French Club 9-12; Project X 9-11; SADD 10
Adam John Grunewald: Football 9; Soccer 10-12; Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); Baseball 9-12
Dan Grunewald: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9-10
Lauren Rae Guidotti: Paragon 11-12 (Photog. 11, Asst. Editor 12); Soccer 9; ASL 11-12; Project X 12; SADD 12; Theatre Company 12
Manini Gupta: Dance Team 10-11; Tennis 9, 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; Theatre Company 9-10, 12; Girls State 11

Brogan Guthrie: Basketball 9; Soccer 9-11; Student Govt. 10; CEC 11-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12; Theatre Company 12
Heather Elaine Haneman: Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-12; Cross Country 10-12; Musical 9-12; NHS 11-12; Track 9-10; Basketball 9; Pep Band 11
John A. Hansen: Ping Pong; French Club 12; Tennis 9
Katie Harvey: Spanish Club 9-10; Speech 9-12; Softball 9; Track 10-12; Cross Country 11; Musical 9-10-12; Theatre Company 9-12
Michael G. Hawryszkow: Basketball 9; Soccer 9-12 (Capt. 11-12); Baseball 9-12; NHS 11-12

Colin M. Hayes: Football 9; SADD 11; Project X 11
Amy Ann Heaney: Spanish Club 9-10; German Club 12; Amnesty Int. 10-12 (sec. 12); Spell Bowl 12; Academic Superbowl 12; Art Club 11-12
Matt Heintz

Shawn Hendron: Wrestling 9-10
Jimmy Hennes: Science Olympiad 9-12; German Club 9-12 (Treas. 9); Art Club 10-12 (Treas. 12)

Christopher Hernandez: Football 9; Ping Pong 9; CEC 9 (vice pres. 9)

Justin Alfred Hernandez: Paragon 11 (Tech. Editor 11)

Marty Hernandez: Spanish Club 9; German Club 12

Adam Hirsh: Band 9; Spanish Club 9; Amnesty Int. 11

Irena Hnatukso





“
I don't avoid them, I just go through them. You have to have strength in numbers. With two or three people, everyone moves. It works pretty well.”

Jon Fisher,
senior

“
I walk alone, not with three people with this big wide group. I go around the little curve by the library, but then there's all these people around the curve at the end!”

Lea Kilibarda,
senior

“
I normally don't avoid the crowds. I just push right through them. It's like, 'Hey, I'm a senior. I can do this.' I'm used to the crowds.”

Heather Stock,
senior



Amy Lynn Hoffman: Spanish Club 9
Kevin Hoffman: Soccer 9-12; Diving 9-10; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Ping Pong 11-12
Taylor Ray Hopkins: Football 9-11
Teddy Horowitz: Football 9-10; Track 9-10
Laura M. Hruska: German Club 9-12; Art Club 9-11

Adam J. Hruskocy: Basketball 9-10; Track 11-12;
Spanish Club 9
Michael Hubbard
Kaylen Mackenzie Huggy: *Paragon* 11-12
(People Editor 11, Asst. Editor 12), Orchestra 9-11; SADD 12; German Club 9-12; Auditorium Staff 10
Joseph Hunt: Football 9
Steven Michael Hus: Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-11; German Club 9-11-12; Pep Band 9-12

Holly Marie Ispas: ASL 9; Softball 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Project X 9
Timothy Johnson
Justine Nicole Jones: German Club 11-12
Michelle Jones: Tennis 9-11; Spanish Club 9-12
Erin Michelle Joseph: Track 9-12; Cheerleading 9; SADD 10-12; Project X 12

Melissa Jurich: Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12; Softball 9-10
Hana Lynn Keil: Soccer 9-12; Basketball 9; Track 9
Kristen Angel Kendall: Auditorium Staff 9-12; Thespian 9-12; Choir 10-12
Vasilia Kilibarda: Dance Team 9-12; Student Govt. 11-12; NHS 11-12; Theatre Company 11-12; SADD 10; IU Honors 11
Kevin Kocsis

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WORDS OF WISDOM

How do you
manage your time
between school,
extracurriculars,
friends, relation-
ships and family?

“I’m not really in any sports, but I try to get my homework done first thing when I get home. And I try to hang out with my family at dinner or on the weekend.”

”
Val Umlauf,
senior

“I didn’t really do a good job of [managing my time] this year. I always tried to be in bed by 9 p.m. during swim season. After practice I manage about 30 minutes to eat or go online and from there it’s TV and boyfriend.”

”
Jessica Brakulis,
senior

“I really don’t manage time. I always feel like I’m missing out on something. If I hang out with someone I feel like I’m missing out somewhere else. It’s really stressful.”

”
Alex Rodriguez-
Ruich,
senior

“I schedule around my work. It takes a huge chunk of my time, 30 hours a week. I only get to hang out with my girlfriend on off days.”

Chris DeMars,
senior

“I sleep through school and stay awake at home. I don’t study anymore. I just show up. I see my friends at competitions.”

”
Aaron Pleitner,
senior

Drew Koessler: Band 9-11; Pep Band 9
Kaitlin Korem: Softball 9-11; SADD 9; Spanish Club 9; Project X 10; ASL 12; Jr. CEC 11;
Auditorium Staff 10; Speech and Debate 9
Erica Koselke
Kyle Krajewski
Steve Krolak: Ping Pong 10-11; DECA 11;
Wrestling 9

Nikola Kutansky
Prince A. Kwateng: Track 9, 11; Project X 11;
Football 9-12 (capt. 12)
Eric LaMagdeleine: IU Honors 11; Band 9-12;
Pep Band 10-12; French Club 9-12; Amnesty Int. 11; Theatre Company 12; Musical 10-12
Linda Landowski: NHS 11-12; Speech 9-10;
Ensembles 11; Spanish Club 10-11
Lyndsay Alexandra Langbehn: Speech/Debate 9-12; French Club 10-12; German 10-11; NHS 12;
Speech Council 11-12; SADD 12; Project X 11;
Theatre Company 9-12; Thespian 11-12;
Ensemble 10-12

Sarah-Anne Lannan: *Penguin* 12 (Editor-in-Chief 12); Speech 11; IU Honors 11; French Club 9-12 (treas. 11; pres. 12); Amnesty Int. 11
Sarah Rose Laymon: Track 9; DECA 10-12;
Speech/Debate 9
Dennis J. Lee: Debate 9-12; Academic Team 9-12; Tennis 10-12; Spanish Club 10-12; NHS 11-12
Salutatorian
Paul Leitelt: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 11-12)
Sondra Leslie: DECA 10

Sean Leto: Spanish Club 10-12; Diving 12
Sarah Nicole Liszka: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 10, 12); CEC 9-10, 12 (pres. 9-10); Spanish Club 10; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 10; Art Club 10-11
Todd A. Loden: Spanish Club 9-11; French Club 12; NHS 11-12; DECA 10-12 (pres. 12); Amnesty Int. 10-11; Academic Team 11-12
Ian M. Lopez: Spanish Club 9
Keith Lorenz: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; ASL 11; NHS 11-12





“Second semester, senior year, other things were important. I had a job, and I made room for nap-time. At night, when homework had to be done, everything got hectic. My management cycle started at midnight.”

”
Katie Harvey,
senior

“I managed my time very carefully. I had to buy a Palm Pilot to organize everything in my extra-curriculars and my agenda for homework. Everything but my school stuff was on my Palm Pilot.”

”
Manini Gupta,
senior

“It's not hard for me I know what's going on and know ahead of time what needs to get done. I had something, I'd rush home and finish it. I usually got everything done and watched TV at 10 or 11p.m.”

”
Erica Bhavsar,
senior



Patrick Los: Football Manager 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; Auditorium Staff 10-12; Principal's Award for Excellence 9; Munster Theatre Company 10-12
Taryn Lotak: Soccer 9-12 (capt. 12); Tennis 9-10; Art Club 9-10
Jay Lucas: Soccer 9-12
Paul Malayer: Baseball 9-12; Spanish Club 10-11; Project X 11
Christopher Lawrence Maloney: Tennis 9-10, Auditorium Staff 9-10; DECA 10-12; *Crier* Photog. 11-12, *Paragon* Photog. 12

Ben Mann
Bill Marinakos: Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12
Kimberly N. Markovich: Track 9-12; Theatre Company 10-12; Thespian 11-12; Spanish Club 9
Michael Mashura: Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); CEC 11-12 (Treas. 12); NHS 11-12; Academic Team 10-12
Anne Marie McShane: Speech/Debate 9, 11-12; Soccer 9-12; NHS 11-12; Speech Council 12

Alfonso Menchaca
Daniel Earl Meyers
Elise Renée Miller: Speech 9-12; Speech Council 11; Debate 10; African Drumming 11-12, *Paragon* Photog. 11-12; NHS 11-12; Basketball 9; Auditorium Staff 10
Steven Millies: Swimming 9-12 (Capt. 12); Jets 10-12; Cross Country 9-11; NHS 11-12
Kristen Moran: Band 9-12; Swimming 9; Jazz Band 9-10

Nicholas J. Murphy: Football 9-12; Wrestling 9-10
Krystle Murzyn: Orchestra 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-10; Speech/Debate 9
Rachel Ann Myszak: Volleyball 9; Basketball 9; Softball 9-10; ASL 11-12; SADD 11-12; Project X 12
Ibrahim M. Najamuddin: Speech/Debate 9-11; SATD 9; DECA 10
Kavita Nana: Project X 9-12; Speech 10-11, Ping Pong 11-12; CEC 11; Spanish Club 9, 10, 12, SADD 10-12; NHS 11-12; Amnesty Int. 10-12

What advice do
you have for
someone who is
planning to work
after school?

“You’ve got to schedule days in between because you can’t work everyday, you have to have a break in between. Schedule around school, and know what tests you have and when so you don’t work.”

”
Greg Gier,
senior

“Make sure you love your job. If you don’t like your job, it’s going to make you dread it and that’s bad. If you like it, it’ll be a positive experience.”

”
Scott Vandersteen,
senior



Julie Anne Nelson: Ensembles 10-12; Orchestra 10-12; Project X 10; NHS 11-12; Musical 9-12; Student Govt. 9-10; CEC 12; Tennis 9, IU Honors 11; Amnesty Int. 10-12; Speech/Debate 9
John Nootens: German Club 9-12; ASL 11-12; Auditorium Staff 10-11
Mike Nowak: Baseball 9-12
Alexis Nykiel: Soccer 9-12 (Capt. 12); Basketball 9-12 (Capt. 12); Homecoming Court
Murad M. Omery: Speech/Debate 9-12; Cross Country 9-12 (Capt. 12, All Conference 9-12); Track 9-12 (Capt. 12, All Conference 11-12); NHS 11-12

Christopher Ondo: Tennis 9-11; Academic Team 9-12 (pres. 12); NHS 11-12; Ping Pong 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Orchestra 9-12; CEC 12; Principal's Award for Excellence 9
Jessica A. Orzel: Band 9-10
Elizabeth Osborne: German Club 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12
Rob Ostrowski
Andrew D. Paarlberg: Spanish Club 9-10

Sara Pappas: Amnesty Int. 9-12 (vice pres. 12, treas. 11); Spell Bowl 10-12; Science Olympiad 9-12; German 12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10, 12
Arturo J. Paramo
Nicole E. Parra: Marching Band 9-12; Jazz Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Orchestra 9-11; Auditorium Staff 9-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9; Theatre Company 9-12
Patrick K. Pataky: Spanish Club 10-12; Theatre Company 10-12; African Drumming 11-12; ASL 12; Ensemble 12; Thespian 12
Bennis Pavisian: Cross Country 9; Track 9; Project X 11; Spanish Club 11; Theatre Company 12; Ping Pong 12

David Pavkovich: Speech/Debate 9-12 (pres. 12); Football 9-11; Theatre 10-11; NHS 11-12 (vice pres. 12); CEC (treas. 11); Student Govt. 12; French Club 10-12; Basketball 9
Farris Pearson: DECA 11-12; Spanish Club 9; Project X 9; German Club 10
Ross Petersen: Baseball 9-12
Joseph Petrone
Dragana Petrovic: Project X 9-12; Art Club 11; French Club 9-12 (vice pres. 12); Ping Pong 11-12; NHS 11-12; IU Honors; Amnesty Int. 12



“Get an easy job so that you can make as much money as possible without doing much.”

“
Paul Leitelt,
senior

“Get as much experience as possible in different jobs. It makes you a better people-person and more social.”

“
Anne McShane,
senior

“Don't work during school! If you have to, only work a few days or you'll get behind. I work five days a week and I'm so behind in my school stuff.”

“
Corrie Cummins,
senior

“You have to learn how to work with older people. You have to talk about different things and watch what you say.”

“
Kate Shapiro,
senior

“Schedule week-ends mostly and instead of spreading out to work a bunch of nights just plan on working a lot just a couple nights. And keep it real. Just remember why you're working. It's for yourself!”

“
Jay Lucas,
senior

“A job is good as long as you have enough time for other stuff. For me, it all kinda fell into place. I worked all high school, and it balanced.”

“
Greg Kurz,
senior

sweet treat
Picking up Shamrock cookies for St. Patrick's Day, Jessie Stalmack, senior, works after school at Butterfingers. “Butterfingers was a great place to work,” Jessie said. “I got to try all the yummy things that we sold.”



Joseph Anthony Piatek: Tennis 9-10; Basketball 9-11; Golf 9-12 (capt. 11-12)
Shawn Pizzuto:
Brandon Platt: Football 9-12; Baseball 9-12 (capt. 12); NHS 12; Basketball
Aaron Pleitner: Football 9-10; Cross Country 11-12; Track 9-12; Wrestling 9-12; NHS 11-12
Jessica Michelle Pleitner: Volleyball 9; Spanish Club 9-10; Speech 10; *Parragon* 11

Amanda Pogach: Speech 9-12; Theatre Company 9-12; Spanish Club 9-10; NHS 11-12; Choir 10-12; Ensembles 9-12; Project X
Paige Alison Popravak: Swimming 9-10; French Club 9-12 (sec. 11, vice pres. 12); Theatre Company 9-12; Ensemble 10-12; Musical 9-12
David Daniel Porter: Football 9-12 (capt. 12); Wrestling 9-10; Track 9; NHS 11-12; Speech 9-10; Student Govt. 10; CEC 11; Ping Pong 11-12
Neeraj Prasad: Marching Band 9-12; Orchestra 11-12; Speech 10; NHS 11-12; Amnesty Int. 9-12 (sec. 10, vice pres. 11, pres. 12)
Rachel Lynn Pucalik: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12; Spanish Club 11-12; SADD 12
Lindsey Pugh: Volleyball 9-11; Basketball 9-12 (capt. 12); SADD 10, 12
Gordana Radmilovic: Spanish Club 9-10; Speech/Debate 9; Basketball 9; CEC 12; NHS 11-12
Danica Rajcevic: CEC 9; Spanish Club 10-11; Theatre Company 10-12; Ensembles 11-12; Fashion Club 10-12; Speech/Debate 11 12
Bojan Rajkovic: Football 9; Soccer 10-12; Student Govt. 11
Anna Rak: Theatre Company 10; Speech/Debate 10-12; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 10-11; SADD 11-12; Student Govt. 9

Erica Sonia Ranade: Theatre 9-12 (pres. 12, Director 12); Speech 9-12 (sec. 11); Student Govt. 10; CEC 11-12 (sec. 11-12); Ensembles 9-10; Principal's Advisory Team 9-12; African Drumming 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-12; NHS 11-12; IU Honors 11; Musical 9-12
Suman Rao: Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-11; NHS 11-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-11; Student Govt. 9-10; CEC 11-12; Orchestra 9-11; IU Honors 11; Musical 10
Mack Rawden: Tennis 9-12 (capt. 12); Golf 9-11
Eric Reed: Baseball 9; Ping Pong 10
Alexandra Rodriguez-Ruich: Track 9, 10-12; Cross Country 11, 12; Ping Pong 10; ASL 11; DECA 11

“
I pay for my car
payment and insur-
ance, cell phone bill,
and then whatever I
want to spend
money on. My
mom's trying to
teach me the value
of a dollar. I'm just
trying to do stuff for
myself and not rely
on my parents.”

Ashley Drobac,
senior

“
I pay for my car
insurance and my
cell phone bill. My
mom splits car
insurance in half
with me as long as I
make the honor roll.
She won't pay if I
don't. But I pay my
entire cell phone bill
and pay for stuff
when I go out.”

Michelle Jones,
senior



Branka Romic: French Club 9-12; German Club
11; Project X 9-12; SADD 10-12; Amnesty
International 11
Maritza Roque
Brian W. Rubesha: Football 9-12 (All State 11-
12; All Conference 12; Capt. 12); Track 9-12
Elizabeth Rubine: Student Govt. 9-10; Spanish
Club 10; Art Club 10
Natalie Marie Samano: Volleyball 9-12;
Basketball 9; Track 9



Katherine Sampias: Art Club 11; French Club
10-12; German Club 10-12
Sara Schulte: Soccer 9-12; French Club 11-12;
Tennis 9; Speech 10; Project X 11; NHS 11-12
Stephanie Lynn Scully: Marching Band 9-12;
Soccer 9-10; NHS 11-12; Pep Band 9-12
Christian Selent: Track 9-12; Football 9-12; CEC
11-12; JETS 11-12 (capt. 12); Basketball 9
Aditya Shah: NHS 11-12; Tennis 10-11; Speech
10-11; SADD 10-12; Ping-Pong 10-12; French
Club 9-12



Kate Lynn Shapiro
Phillip Shapiro: Speech 9-12; Speech Council 11-
12; Spanish Club 9-11; Theatre Company 10;
Track 10-12; NHS 11-12; CEC 10; IU Honors 11
Andrew Sharp: Track 9-10; Wrestling 9; Soccer
9-10; Jazz Band 10-12; Pep Band 9-12; Orchestra
10-12
Kelley Shaw: Volleyball 9-10; Basketball 9;
Soccer 9
Tina Shieh: Tennis 9; Student Govt. 9-12; NHS
11-12; Orchestra 9-12; Spanish Club 12; Musical
9-11; IU Honors 12; Jazz Band 9; Orchestra
Council 11-12; Speech/Debate 9-10



Michael Sichling
Kelly Simmons: Marching 0Band 9-12; Pep
Band 9; Track 9;
Thomas Simmons: Football 9-12; Speech 9-11;
Spanish Club 9-10
Kevin Sinchak
Harjot Singh: Spanish Club 11-12; Track 10-12



checkyourself

WORDS OF WISDOM

“ I’m Jewish. I have a lot of responsibility with my money. I hold whatever money I get.”

Eric Appelsies,
senior

“ I really don’t save my money at all, but I do save my change in a football shaped piggy bank.”

Zak Boswell,
senior

“ I’m really picky about clothes. That’s my way of budgeting, because I don’t spend much since I don’t often find something I like.”

Kathryn Slaboski,
senior

“ I pay monthly payments on my car. My dad financed it when we bought it, so that helped. I also have to pay my off my credit cards that I use to buy stuff with. Sometimes I go out and buy stuff for myself.”

Branka Romic,
senior

“ My clothes and when I go out with friends are what I spend my money on. I don’t pay for gas because it’s premium gas—I’d be broke after a few months.”

Gordana Radmilovic,
senior

How do you
manage your
responsibilities
with money?

write away

Writing out a check in class, Emilee Vandersluis, senior, manages her accounts. “Since my mom kicked me out, I have to pay for food, clothing, car, and anything else that comes my way,” she said.



Kathryn Slaboski: Spanish Club 9-12; Dance Team 9-11; IU Honors 12; NHS 11-12; Project X 9-10
Mitzy Smiljic
Aaron Smith: Tennis 9-10
Justin Smith: Diving 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Track 9; SADD 10
Rebecca Sons: Softball 9; Theatre 9-11

Angela Marie Sowinski: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 10); Track 9
Jessica Stalmack: Cheerleading 9-12; Track 9-12; Spanish Club 10; SADD 11; Diving 9
Kristina Lee Standley: Dance Team 9-12 (capt. 12); CFC 11-12 (Pres. 11-12); Project X 9-10; Speech 9; NHS 11-12; Ping Pong Club 10; Paragon Photog. 11; IU Honors 11
Kristina Stephan: Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-10; Aquarium Club 10; Spanish Club 10
Heather Stock: Choir 9-12; Spanish Club 12; NHS 11-12

Erica Stout: Spanish Club 9-10; Project X 9-11; Softball 9-11
Kevin E. Strbjak: Basketball 9-10; Football 9, 12; Baseball 9-10; SADD 11; Track 12
Amanda Stump: Marching Band 9-11; Pep Band 9-10; German Club 9-11
Andrew Sulkowski
Michael L. Svilar: Baseball 9, 11

Bethan Sylvester: Spanish Club 11-12; Art Club 11; Fashion Club 11-12
Kristen Michele Szafasz: Cheerleading 9-12 (capt. 12); ASL 11-12; SADD 11-12; NHS 11-12; Project X 10-11; Spanish Club 9-10; DECA 10
Patrick Doyle Thomas: Tennis 9-11; Speech/Debate 9-12; Theatre Company 11-12
Colin Tomazin: Swimming 9-11; Art Club 9; Spanish Club 9-12; Speech/Debate 9
Arun Umaphathy: Tennis 9-11; Ping Pong Club 10-11; Project X 9; Spanish Club 11

theparenttrap

WORDS OF WISDOM

How do you get
around your
parents and
their rules?

“I’m very vague about where I’m going, when I’m coming back, who I’m going with and what I’ll be doing. Then I turn my cell phone off, but I tell them it’s ‘out of batteries’ or it’s ‘on vibrate.’”

Spelios Bacoyanis,
senior

“I just make up my own rules. I don’t really have any rules. I don’t do anything dumb, so as long as I’m not out until like 4 a.m., I’m okay. My sister sticks up for me too because she went through my parents’ bullying already.”

Marc Wilson,
senior

“My parents don’t have a lot of rules because my two older brothers didn’t get in a lot of trouble. One of my biggest rules is that I have to come home at night. They just check to see if my car is there.”

Kevin Hoffman,
senior

“I avoid the rules. Whenever my parents call, I don’t answer. I usually do stuff if they tell me to, so not picking up the phone is my way of getting out of it.”

Phil Chan,
senior

Valerie Umlauf: German Club 9-12; Project X 9-12; Marching Band 9-12; Pep Band 9-12
Jennifer Vacendak: Speech 9; German Club 9-10
Ugnius Vaitiekus: Art Club 10-11 (vice pres. 11)
Emilee Lorraine Vandersluis: Color Guard 9-12 (capt. 11-12); Marching Band 10-12; Ensembles 11-12; Thesplan 10-12; Theatre Company 9-12; Speech 11-12; Fashion Club 12 (pres. 12); African Drumming 12
Scott Vandersteen: ASL 12; African Drumming 12; Volleyball 10-12 (mang.); Concert Choir 11-12; Mixed Ensembles 11-12; Speech/Debate 12;

Theatre Company 10-12; Thesplan 12; Choir 12
Greg W. Van Camp
Elizabeth Renée Van Wieren: Auditorium Staff 9-12 (Production Manager 12); Theatre Company 9-12; Thesplan 10-12
Michael Van Wyk: German Club 9,12
Aubrey J. Velasquez: Cheerleading 9-12; African Drumming 11-12; Softball 9
Kelly Ann Verkaik: Swimming 9

Mireya Villalba: SADD 10-12; Swimming 9; Speech 9,11; Tennis 9,11-12; Project X 11-12; Spanish Club 11-12
Roger Villalobos: Spanish Club 10
Elizabeth Volkoff: Spanish Club 9-12; SADD 11; Project X 11
Eric A. Wallace: Basketball 9; Track 10-11; Ping Pong Club 12; Band 9-12; Jazz Band 10; Pep Band 10-12
Justin White

Danielle Lynne Wilks: *Paragon* 11 (Editor-in-Chief 11); Speech/Debate 9-12; Art Club 9-10 (sec. 10); NHS 11-12 (pres. 12)
Marc Wilson: Basketball 9; Student Govt. 12; Project X 11
Dylan Wood: Speech 9; DECA 11; African Drumming 11
Brian Wujek: Track 9; Pep Band 9-12; DECA 11; German Club 9-12
Kelly Yurasovich: Golf 9-12 (capt. 12)





“If they trust you, you can just lie to them and they'll believe you. You can also say 'you told me you did that when you were younger.'”

Mark Evans,
senior

“There's no way of getting around them. They're Asian. Asian parents are strict.”

Kavita Nana,
senior

“If you follow the rules once, it sets the standard for later. They think 'Oh, she followed the rules last time, so she will again.’”

Sarah Liszka,
senior



proud moments
Standing between his parents on swimming Senior Night, Steve Balog, senior, waits for his name to be called. **Mouth open** in surprise, Stephenie Brajak, senior, reacts to being named Homecoming Queen with her dad as her escort. "My date was playing in the game," Stephenie said. "It was a lot of fun to be with my dad." **Before his name** is announced for Marching Band Senior Night, Eric LaMagdeleine talks with his mother. "My mom was so excited that I was a senior and that I was being recognized for my four years in Marching Band," Eric said



David Zagorski: Marching Band 9-12
Goran Zarkovic
Eric Zarowny: Spanish Club 9, Project X 9-10; Ping Pong 11
Jennifer Elaine Zgorka: Dance Team 9-11; Project X 9-11; SADD 9-12; Spanish Club 9-11; Speech/Debate 10; NHS 11-12; Homecoming Court 12; Auditorium Staff 11-12
Zhi Zheng: German Club 9

Steve Ziemba: Football 9; Baseball 9; Wrestling 9-12; Student Govt. 9-12
Jaime Zlamal: French Club 9-12; German Club 9-12; Art Club 9-12 (pres. 11, sec. 10)
Beth Zyglowicz: Speech/Debate 9; Art Club 12; Amnesty Int. 12; Spanish Club 10

that'smybag

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

How do you organize your backpack?

“ I put my folders and notebooks in the back pocket, and little books in the front. I have a pocket for my calculator and one for my food. I have to carry big books. One strap backpacks don't have much room.”

Suzie Acosta,
junior

“ When I'm done with a class, I put my papers in my backpack closest to my back. The papers slowly move closer to the front by the end of the day. That's where I look when I need something.”

Brandon Chynoweth,
junior

“ I just kind of shove my books in there. I keep all the stuff for one class in one place. My backpack is kind of in order, I just put everything to the back of the backpack.”

Mark Webster,
junior

“ My backpack organization depends on the size of the items. My AP Bio book goes in the back and my folders go in the front.”

Ajay Patwari,
junior

“ I don't organize at all. The only thing that's closest to organizing is my 'filing system,' which is a notebook.”

Peter Puthenveetil,
junior

pack it up
Hand anxiously in the air, Shobha Pai, junior, waits to be called on in Honors Spanish 4. Shobha stayed organized by keeping all her papers in folders before putting them in her backpack. "Without all my stuff organized, I would have gone insane," she said.

Fadi Abu-Aita
Suzanna Acosta
Tracey Adomitis
Tiffany Aguilera
Saba Ahmed
Kory Aktay
Leah Alberson
Anthony Alfonsi

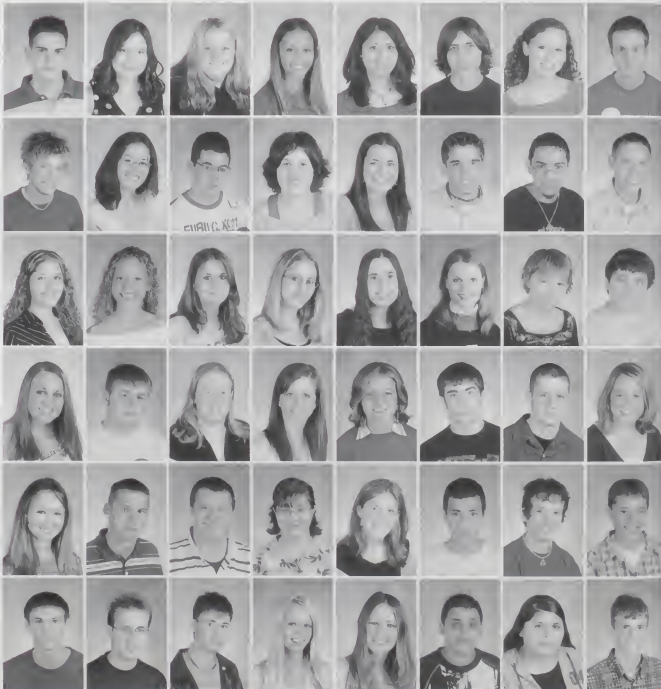
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Lindsey Banka
Natalie Banka
Christine Barnes
Tiffany Barth
Brian Bartniczak

Milka Bastaic
Mark Bates
Emily Beezhold
Margaret Behrens
Julie Bembenista
Nicholas Benedek
Daniel Berry
Christia Bieda

Joanna Biestek
Andrew Bilse
Tim Bishop
Breanne Bizon
Danielle Blair
Gabriel Blakeley
Ryan Blanchard
Mark Boeckman

Matthew Bohney
Kyle Bookwood
Daniel Borgo
Ashley Boyan
Kimberly Brandon
Gustavo Briceno
Jessica Briceno
Joseph Bridgman





“ I have a messenger backpack. The best I can do is keep papers together in separate folders for different classes. I may be organized at the start of the day, but very disheveled when school ends. ”

Kim Dooley,
junior

“ In the front pockets, there are calculators, pencils, and pens, all the random stuff. The big part has everything for the first half of the day and I go to my locker to get the second half. ”

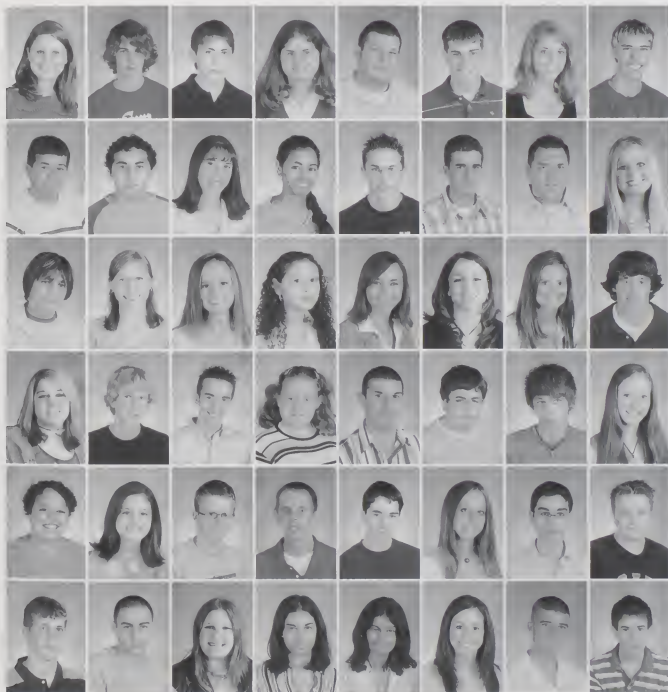
Emily Clark,
junior

“ My backpack's not organized. It starts off organized each semester and gets worse. I just have three notebooks for all my classes and I use the folders in the notebook for each class. ”

Jake Kunz,
junior

“ I use my locker to get my books for different classes and then I keep a folder for each class with me at all times for homework. I keep my pens, pencils, and calculator with me at all times. ”

Alexa Harris,
junior



Sara Brown
Kurtis Bruhn
Daniel Budilovsky
Kirstin Bularzik
Nicholas Burchfield
Ryan Burke
Allyce Carlson
Jason Carr

Anthony Carrillo
Armando Casas
Ruth Chambers
Rohini Chatterjee
Bryan Chovanec
Brandon Chynoweth
Antonio Cisneros
Emily Clark

Evan Compton
Jessica Conger
Jennifer Conley
Guadalupe Contreras
Ashley Cook
Andrea Coulis
Melissa Crary
Niko Culic

Natalie Culp
Jacob De Young
Benjamin DeBoer
Allison DeBold
Taylor Del Rio
Brock Dickens
Matthew Donnowitz
Kimberly Dooley

Alynia Dorich
Lauren Drosos
Daniel Drudge
Marc Duda
James Economou
Jacquelyne Elman
Ameer Elsalaymh
Aaron Embrey

Jacob Ernd
Daniel Escalante
Aren Farkas
Farha Farooq
Reem Farooq
Julie Feingold
Grant Felgenhauer
Rodrigo Fernandez-de-Cordova

“Online translations for French help me a lot with my homework, and the TV allows me to find out what is going on in the world.”

**Hannah Huebner,
junior**

“I use the computer for checking sports scores. I don't have to look around for a newspaper anymore with scores online.”

**Marinko Repac,
junior**



“My phone is never off. I can't breathe if it is. If you call me at 3 a.m., I'll get it. Everyone calls me. One time, I forgot to bring my phone to school and it was scary. I was freaking out. I didn't know what to do!”

**Amanda
Kilibarda,
junior**

listen up
At the table where they sat every morning, Walter McDonald, freshman, and Carmelo Gonzalez, junior, listen to a CD player. “I wanted Walter to hear this one song,” Carmelo said.

Kenneth Florek
Kelly Frank
Danielle Fuentes
Amanda Garcia
Lauren Gaskey
Maya Gendlin
Ashley Gerber
Ilissa Gershman

Jonathan Ghezzi
Zackery Glasen
Carmelo Gonzalez
Daniel Goodlander
Scott Goodwin
Eli Gopalan
Stephen Gorman
Sarah Grabarczyk

Michael Graczyk
Madeline Grdina
Soumya Gupta
Meghan Guthrie
Jose Gutierrez
Ashley Hack
Jessica Hajduk
Katharine Hamilton

Amy Hammermeister
Robert Hansen
Michael Harker
Brian Harrigan
Alexa Harris
Michael Hart
Kimberly Hasse
Kimberly Hawkins

Kara Hayes
Satyannarayan Hegde
Rachel Heinrich
Claudia Hernandez
Keith Hernandez
Lindy Hernandez
Patrick Higgins
Danny Hmurovic

Stephanie Hoffman
Elyse Holloway
Abigail Homans
James Hubbard
Hannah Huebner
Michael Hughes
Afshan Husain
Jennifer Jamicich



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SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

How do you use
technology to make
your life easier?

“I have TiVo and I love it. I TiVo Desperate Housewives because I never have time to watch it on Sundays because I'm too busy doing my homework.”

Alexa Harris,
junior

“Cell phones make my life easier because I can be anywhere in the world and call anyone at anytime. Having a car allows me to not have to depend on my parents for rides which makes all our lives easier.”

Nick Volkman,
junior

“I do all my U.S. history homework online. I wouldn't be able to get it done otherwise. I do essays online, I use Google to search the topic or Dictionary.com. I get all my information from those web sites.”

Ashley Cook,
junior

“Camera phones make life so much easier. Now I don't have to worry about missing a moment just because I left my camera at home. And it's so much lighter that I can just leave my normal camera at home.”

Lauren Lipton,
junior

“iPods make life easier too, since I don't have to carry around all of my CD's. And cell phones make it easier to communicate.”

Kate Bandura,
junior



Milena Janevski
Casey Jedrzejczak
Abbie Jercha
Amie Johnson
Kurt Jorgensen
Bryan Joseph
Anthony Jurkash
Joseph Kasenga

Dimitri Katsepas
Sarah Kavanaugh
Daniel Kenzel
Shellie Kerzner
Jose Kho
Amanda Kilbarda
Andrew Kitchell
Kristina Kovacevich

Jeffrey Kovacich
Brooke Kozlowski
Stefanie Krasie
Theresa Kretz
Samantha Krzyston
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Samantha McCarthy
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SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

How do you organize your locker?

“ I have two lockers. The one in North I share with two people. It has so many books in it that it gets jammed all the time. It's hard to get my stuff out because when any of us get our books, we just push each other's things to the back. ”

Amanda Garcia,
junior

“ I have random jackets from three months ago and food containers from god-knows-when. We have a shelf and the whole shelf is full, and there's stuff on top of the stuff on the shelf. ”

Tamiko Toyama,
junior

“ Anything I have the energy to carry goes with me. It seems unorganized, but it really is. For the first two days of school, I couldn't open my locker. They had given me the wrong number! It wasn't even close to my real locker! ”

Katie Vroom,
junior

“ Well, I don't really decorate my locker. I have a mirror but that's about it. My locker has no hooks! I'd like to complain about that. I put one of those stick-on hooks inside it, but it won't hold my winter coat! ”

Soumya Gupta,
junior

“ We have a shelf on top and Mike [Bizoukas] gets the top and I get the bottom. It works because we're both neat people. ”

Aric Van Weelden,
junior

Clare McCulloch
Ashley McGuire
Michael McIntyre
Michael McNicholas
David McWilliams
Ferdinand Medina
Allison Meggers
Brian Meyers

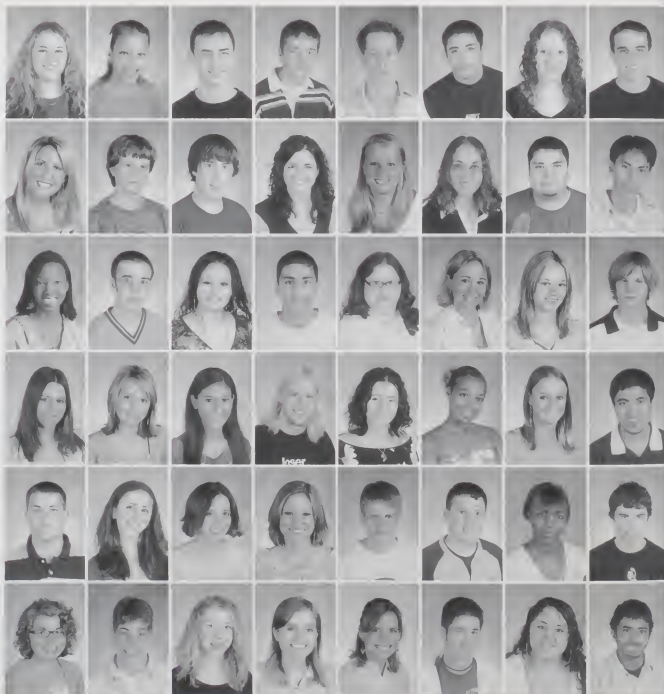
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Lindsey Newell
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Kelley Nolan
Stephen Norby

Stephanie Oconnor
Angela Osterman
Shobha Pai
Thomas Palliga
Daphne Pantazis
Jasmine Pappas
Alyson Patton
Ajay Patwari

Richard Paulson
Alexandra Pavkovich
Nicole Peach
Kathleen Pearman
Alex Peck
Kevin Penman
Jameka Penn
Bryan Perkins

Stephanie Perz
Kevin Phelan
Heather Phipps
Alyson Pilawski
Kimberly Price
Frank Pukosz
Stephanie Pulido
Peter Puthenveetil





“I hardly have anything in my locker except my coat, my book bag, and my books are scattered everywhere. I barely use my locker because all of my classes are in North and only one class in South.”

Ashley McGuire,
junior

“I share a locker with two other girls so the locker is jam packed with all our books, coats and mirrors. Things fall all the time and our shelves broke a few weeks into the school year. I tend to lose everything I put in there.”

Jen Conley,
junior

“I usually don't put much in my locker. I usually carry my stuff around, and anything I leave in my locker I try to put in neat piles. I don't decorate my locker because I only have it for one year, so there is no reason to decorate it.”

Mike Graczyk,
junior



perfect combo
Grabbing a binder out of her locker, Andrea Coullis, junior, prepares to go to her next class. “I kept my locker very neat,” Andrea said. “It helped when I was trying to get all my stuff together and trying to get my homework at the end of the day.”
From the towering stack of books in his locker, David Snuckie, junior, tries to find the right book for first hour. “It worked out. I never lost anything,” David said.



Daniel Rak
Thomas Ramus
Gina Rebesco
Marinko Repac
Mary Rick
Lucia Rigo
Dana Ritter
Jacob Rivera

Timothy Roberts
Robert Romano
Stana Romic
Amanda Roque
Krisen Ruth
Scott Rutkowski
Mark Sajn
Alex Sakelarys

Erika Salazar
Amy Saltanovitz
Thomas Sapya
Luke Sasek
Dustin Schmidt
Nathan Schmidt
Michael Sealy
Cylas Sefton

Amanda Seligman
Ashur Shah
Nicholas Shelton
David Sinkola
Matthew Skerfich
Samantha Skrobet
Lester Smith
Brad Snedden

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SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

What's your system for organizing your homework?

“ I have a planner and an agenda. I use my agenda for school and the planner for work and other activities. I'm very forgetful and I have to write everything down.

”
Meghan Guthrie,
junior

“ I have folders with two pockets. On the left side, I put quizzes and grade sheets. I put everything else on the other side. When I need to remember things to do, I either write on my hand or a piece of paper.

”
Jose Gutierrez,
junior

“ Usually, I have my activities, like Science Olympiad, so I'll do that. Then I study and then read. If I get really tired, I start my math because that keeps me awake.

”
Rohini Chatterjee,
junior

“ I never organize what I need to do and if I forget to do something, oh well. My dad got me a planner, but it was too much of a burden to carry around.

”
Alexandra Pavkovich,
junior

“ I don't have a backpack or agenda or anything. Memory, that's how I remember what homework I have.

”
Mike Sealy, junior

“ I stick all my papers in a folder and guess what I had for homework; it's like a lottery, which I often times lose.

”
Adam Lerner, junior

David Snuckel
Lisa Sobilo
Kristina Soczyk
Sara Soeka
Raymond Sowa
Christopher Spedus
Shawn Spicer
Mary Ann Spolnik

Daniel Spungen
Matthew Spyryka
Victoria Sroka
Sarah Standley
Anna Starinha
Chris Stassin
Sarah Steele
Aleka Stefanopoulos

Andy Stevens
Candice Stewart
Gina Stoffregen
Nick Stolarz
Jayme Stone
David Strain
William Stuart
Matthew Studniarz

Jordan Sunderland
Lance Surma
Ashley Taylor
Mirko Tepavac
Matthew Tepperman
Elizabeth Thompson
Celeste Tiberi
Brent Tomczak

Maximilian Topete
Christopher Topor
Alex Toth
Tamiko Toyama
Alyssa Tremaine
Kevin Trotman
Robbie Urbanowicz
Egle Vaitiekute

Elyse Van Camp
Aric Van Weelden
Tiffany Varney
Nikola Vasic
Joshua Vega
Ian Vera
Melissa Victor
Nicholas Volkman





easy does it
Trying to get everything done before the bell, Ryan Burke, junior, completes his homework in study hall. "It was nice to get it all done and not have to worry about doing anything at home," he said

tutor time
In the cafeteria after school, Anna Rak, senior, tutors Tiffany Aguilera, junior, for National Honor Society. "I liked having someone to look over my work," Tiffany said. "Anna helped me recognize the things I'd done wrong."



Kathryn Vroom
John Wadas
Kyle Wade
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Kaylyn Watterson
Casey Webb
Mark Webster

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Manasseh Wells
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Marie Welsh
Matthew Westerlund
Daniel White
Brian Williams

Jacquelyn Yerga
Molly Yothment
Joseph Zagorski
Eric Zyglowicz

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WISH YOU WERE HERE

How do you use
before school time
for homework?

“When I don't finish my homework the night before I use the morning to finish it and if I have a question on my homework, I ask my teacher in the morning.”

Lauren Nourie,
sophomore

“I often go in early to take tests or get help if I fall behind. Sometimes, particularly for Mr. Russell, I'll get some sample problems to work on during the day.”

Marissa Zoppetti,
sophomore

“If I need help in a class, I try to go in during contact time because you can rely more on a teacher being there after school as opposed to in the morning.”

Emily Eagan,
sophomore

“I ask my friends for help on homework, and if they can't help me, I go to a teacher or to a smarter friend.”

Adam Bissonnette,
sophomore

“Sometimes I have time in the morning and I know a teacher is available. I'll go in for extra help if I need it.”

Rose McKeon,
sophomore

rise and shine

With Matt Thompson, freshman, sleeping next to him, David Linnear, sophomore, works on his math homework before school. “After swim practice,” he said. “We would eat breakfast and have time to finish homework.”

Riyona Abraham
Paul Albrecht-Mallin
Jonathan Alexander
Crystal Altieri
Lawrence Amaloo
Daniel Anich
Kristina Anderson
Jenny Andert

Alexandra Andjelich
Miguel Arambula
Amanda Bacoyanis
Paul Bainbridge
Heather Ballard
Ashleigh Barbeau
Nick Barton
Courtney Basile

Jessica Beezhold
Tony Benavente
Rohan Bhagwat
Alexander Bilse
Adam Bissonnette
Michael Bizoukas
Gregory Blair
Michael Bland

Katelyn Bochnowski
Andrew Bookwood
Sylvia Borowicz
Jeffrey Bostick
Berlyn Boswell
Jacqueline Boyle
Cara Briggs
Peter Brousalis

Elizabeth Browder
Carolyn Brown
Shawna Bruce
John Bugajski
Blaine Bugaski
Ryan Burns
Thomas Cafmeyer
Rudy Campbell

Ashley Canan
Paul Capriglione
Colin Carey
Leah Carey
Mary Carp
Bennet Cerven
Naveen Chaubal
Philip Chiang





“ I get here at 6:45 a.m. so I use that time to finish homework. Then I talk to my friends or get help if I need it.”

Riyona Abraham,
sophomore

“ I don't usually go in the morning. I sometimes go in after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and get help from my Spanish teacher.”

Chaz Franciski,
sophomore

“ I use before school time to go and catch up with friends that I don't see throughout the day and sit by my locker to finish homework I haven't done.”

Golnoosh Kamali,
sophomore



Jeff Chou
Austin Clark
Jessica Clusserath
Jonathan Contos
Desiree Cossyleon
Daniel Crisman
Erin Cummings
Michael Cummings

Michael Curran
Zachary Curtis
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Courtney De Cro
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Jimmy Dye

Kyle Dytrych
Emily Eagan
Rachel Eldert
Aleksandar Elik
Olivia-Mari Enger
Adam Enright
Kassandra Everette
Elena Falloon

David Fandl
Mitchel Farnsley
Anthony Fattore
Raul Ferrer
Michael Fisher
Nicholas Fisher
Jessica Flamme
Sarah Flick

turnthetables

How do you
decide where
you sit at lunch?

“I walked into lunch, all of my friends were sitting at a table so I sat down. It was convenient, unlike last year. Then I just drifted from table to table until I found one I liked and just got to know everyone there.”

Katie Taylor,
sophomore

“I sit here because my friends sit here. I wasn't worried about not having anyone to sit with because my friends and I had talked about it, and I knew who had my lunch before the first day of school.”

Mitch Farnsley,
sophomore

“My friends and I just kind of took over a table. We saw all the seniors combine and push tables together, and that was their 'senior table.' Once you sit down, you see all the groups.”

Kaitlin Newell,
sophomore

“Location wise, it's where there's the least amount of trash on the table.”

Lauren Hudak,
sophomore

“We used to sit in a booth, but the semester went on and more people sat with us so we moved to an open table.”

Lauren Nourie,
sophomore

out to lunch. Munching away, sophomores Mike Bizoukas, Joey Domenico, and Bret Keil, eat their lunches in D Lunch. “I've sat here the past two year at the same table with the same people” Joey said.

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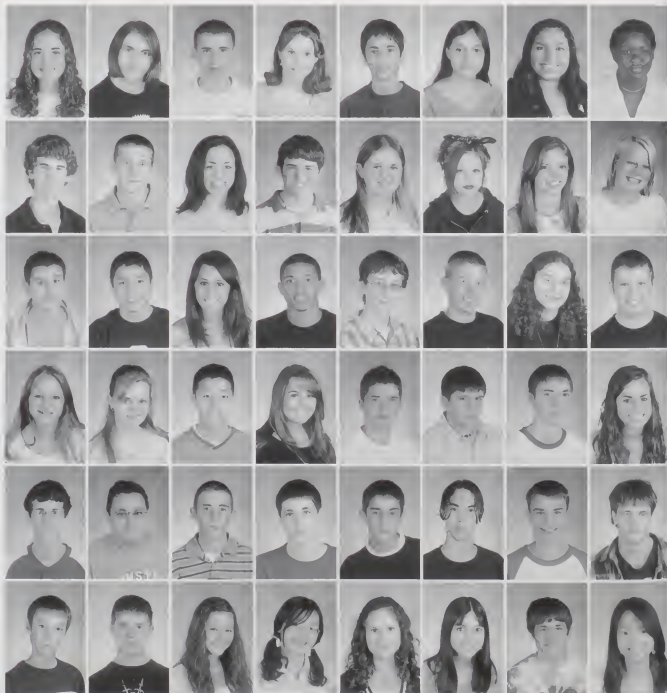
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Frank Hibbs

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Thomas Hofstra
Alyssa Hruskoc
Cecilia Huang
Lauren Hudak
Fatima Husain
Eric Hutchings
Chan Huynh





“We sit wherever is open. We never have a real table. It’s sad, sometimes people laugh at us. Sometimes we forget to put something down to save the table, and other people take it.”

Eunice Ntiamoah,
sophomore

“My friends and I decided on the first day to sit by the first pillar. This way when the bell rang, we were right by the door and could just leave.”

Bridget Parker,
sophomore

“I didn’t sit anywhere. None of my friends were in my lunch. I just sat in the Commons and planned how I was going to change my schedule.”

Tyler Thomas,
sophomore



Rimu Ibrahim
Kathleen Isaacs
Vanessa Jackson
Jordan Jancosek
Alexis Jeter
Daniel Johnson
Devin Johnson
Steven Johnson

Andrew Jonelis
Matthew Jones
Luke Jorgensen
Olga Jovanovic
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Jeffrey Justus
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Evan Lavery
Benjamin Lee
Bryan Lee

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WISH YOU WERE HERE

What else do you
use the bathroom
for besides the
obvious?

“

I check my braces
for food.

”

**Cameron
Seient,
sophomore**

“

I floss my teeth
sometimes!

”

**Katelyn
Bochnowski,
sophomore**

“

Besides the
obvious, I use the
bathroom for looking
in the mirror to fix
my make-up and
brush my hair. It's a
dirty place so I try to
limit my time in
there.

”

**Kelsey Hauflaire,
sophomore**

“

I like to read the
stuff written on the
stalls.

”

**Heather Loden,
sophomore**

“

Sometimes I duck in
there to avoid
someone.

”

**Milijana Lalic,
sophomore**

“

I'm a guy. I don't do
anything but the
obvious.

”

**Mike Fisher,
sophomore**

“

I make sure my hair
isn't all over the
place in the
morning.

”

**Alex Galante,
sophomore**

mirror image

Mascara in hand, Alyssa DeBoer, sophomore, uses the bathroom to keep herself looking good. "I liked to check my makeup," she said, "That way I always knew how I looked."

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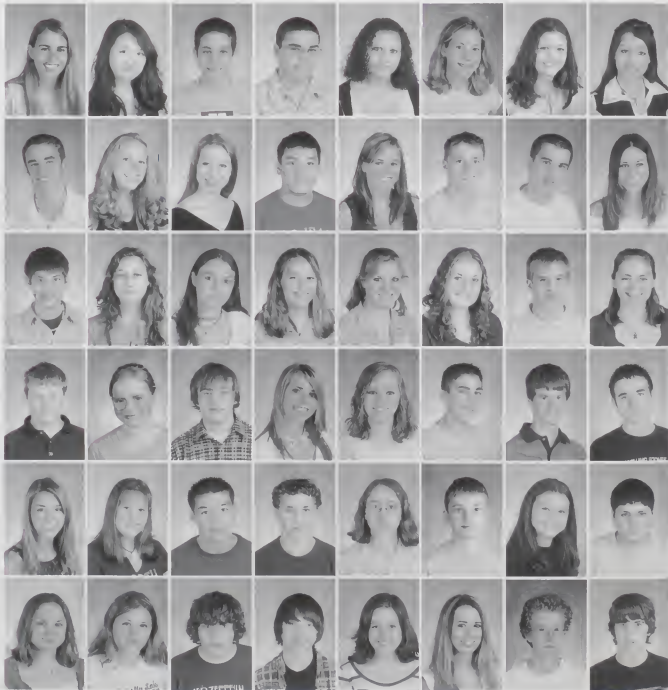
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Brittany Medved
Sarah Meggers
Ryan Mehay
James Mehok
Samuel Meier

Lauren Meneghetti
Angelique Mercier
John Meyers
Richard Meyers
Victoria Miskimins
Michael Mlodecki
Maureen Modesto
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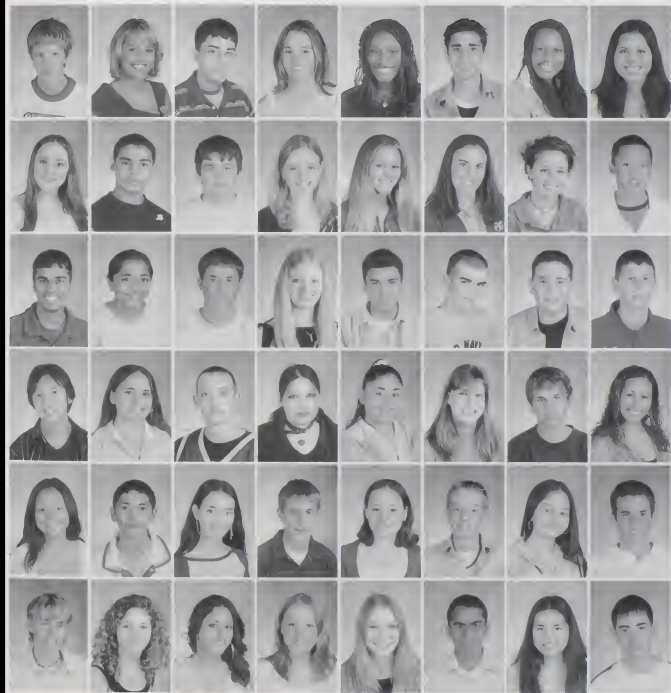


“
I brush my teeth in
there. Sometimes
my teeth feel
gross—so I brush
them.”

”
Jeff Reuter,
sophomore

“
I was doing a
photography project
and, to get a shot, I
had to climb on top
of a bathroom stall.”

”
Colleen Resler,
sophomore



Eric Nelson
Kaitlin Newell
George Nieves
Lauren Nourie
Eunice Ntiamaoh
Shaheen Omery
Dara Oni
Jessica Osegueda

Julie Ostrowski
Zachary Oswald
Andrew Paliga
Laura Ann Panozzo
Meagan Paradzinski
Bridge Paulsen
Lauren Parker
Lyann-Jason Pastrana

Mihir Patel
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Frank Paulson
Erin Peiguss
Tony Perez
Joseph Perkins
Zachary Perlinski
Dragan Petrovic

Austin Piech
Noylan Poczontek
Patrick Pohre
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Anita Pulido
Abigail Purcell
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Rachel Quinnones

Jenni Ramirez
Julian Rangel
Na'Lani Ravelo
Joseph Raycroft
Colleen Resler
Jeffrey Reuter
Leilani Reyes
Johnathan Richardson

Adam Riley
Kaitlin Ritchie
Christina Rizk
Kayla Roach
Meghan Ruich
Akash Rusia
Donna May Sadural
Luis Salazar

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WISH YOU WERE HERE

What's the one
thing or person
you would like to
bring to detention
with you?

"I would take my iPod because it had all my favorite songs which would not only entertain me, but make the amount of time seem shorter."

Mara Maddocks,
sophomore

"I would bring my little brother Mitch because he is so goofy and I don't think I've ever had a dull moment with him."

Emily Lyness,
sophomore

"I would bring my phone so I could text people."

Courtney Basile,
sophomore

"I would bring a snack because I'd be hungry after school."

Dan Crisman,
sophomore

"If I had one, I would bring a laptop to detention because I could go on the Internet, type reports, and do homework easily. It would keep me busy too."

Meghan Ruich,
sophomore

"I'd bring a doctor's note to get me out of detention."

Heather Loden,
sophomore

"I would bring a pillow and blanket so I could sleep through it."

Jenni Ramirez,
sophomore

Daniel Schlesinger
Jason Schmelzer
Gregory Schmitt
Patricia Schmueser
Joel Schneider
Joseph Scholtz
Mike Schramm
Amanda Schulte

Justine Sefton
Cameron Selent
Ravi Shah
Bryan Sherman
Maureen Shields
Michelle Shimizu
Michael Shofner
Aisha Siddiqui

Harmanjit Singh
Ryan Slosser
Kristy Smith
Ashly Speakman
Joshua Spiekhou
Kara Spurlack
Corinne Stafford
Russel Starcevic

Julie Stocky
Danielle Stone
Samantha Stone
Katherine Stout
Kai Lani Strickland
John Strong
Julie Stump
Michael Sudbury

Marissa Sylvester
Kaitlin Szafasz
Randal Szwela
Katie Taylor
Samantha Taylor
Tyler Thomas
Kevin Thorp
Ryan Thorp

Samantha Torres
Alaina Trgovich
Jason Trgovich
Nicole Trimoli
Danielle Troumoularis
Jacob Turnbull
Alicia Tuuk
Anitha Umapathy



“I’ve never been to detention so I don’t know how boring it is, but I’d probably bring a CD player to make the time go by faster.”

Rich Meyers,
sophomore

“I would bring a portable DVD player to make time go by faster. I’d watch ‘Pirates of the Caribbean’ because Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom are in it.”

Michele Zehner,
sophomore

“I’d bring Napoleon Dynamite so I could watch his dance moves because I’d be eternally entertained.”

Elena Falloon,
sophomore

“A blanket to hid myself in.”

Jeffrey Justus,
sophomore

“I’d bring a book because if I bring a book I know I’ll have something to do the whole time I’m there.”

Paul Albrecht-Mallinger,
sophomore

“Orlando Bloom, because he’s my favorite actor and he’s really hot. I could talk to him, or at least stare at him during detention. He would probably not enjoy being with me, though.”

Erin Cummings,
sophomore

“Tony Benavente—he’s the funniest kid in the world. It wouldn’t be boring.”

Mike Konopasek,
sophomore

“A shovel. To slowly dig a tunnel out.”

Catie Lee,
sophomore



Daniel Umlauf
Enesi Uwidia
Elizabeth Vacendak
David Van Wieren
Mary Vandeusen
Justine VanDyke
Cristina Vanko
Melissa Vargo

Arek Varjabedian
Elizabeth Varnum
Sonja Vasic
Matthew Vasquez
George Vauter
Leroy Velasquez
Jonathan Velchick
Alison Venhuizen

William Watterson
Andrew Webb
Adriana Weichman
Lisa Weichman
Kelly Werner
Adam White
Kimberly Wiers
Joseph Wings

Christopher Winterhalter
Samantha Wojciechowski
Dana Wold
Brandon Wood
Emily Yaeger
Allen Yee
Jutigarn Yinyown
Jordan Zarowny

Zachary Zawistowski
Michele Zehner
Marissa Zoppetti

“ At first, a lot of the routine and homework seemed like it would be overwhelming, but as time progressed, you fit into the routine, and everything fell into place.”

Jacob Gerber,
freshman

“ I was scared I wouldn't get to class on time, especially going to South, but I'm not afraid anymore. I know I have enough time to get to class. It's just like middle school.”

Stefan Coric,
freshman

“ I was afraid of getting lost, and I did for the first week. The school really did get a lot smaller. The upperclassmen aren't bad at all, except for in the lunch line where they cut you like crazy.”

Pooja Kansal,
freshman



Joseph Abu-Aita
Stephen Adams
Anthony Aguilera
Asad Ahmed
Keaton Akday
Danny Alexander
Tieg Alexander
Trevor Alexander

Moises Alvarez
Valerie Alvarez
Eric Anderson
Kaitlin Anderson
Jovan Andjelich
Carolynn Andrews
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Ashley Arens
Jesus Avina
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Justice Bakker
Kerriann Ballanco
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Alexandro Bazan
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Edwin Becher
Michael Becka
Patrick Behrens
Adam Belkairous
Amina Benman
Philip Bernardi

Brett Bertagnolli
Lauren Blazeovich
Samantha Bonessa
Matthew Bonini
Megan Bonke
Peter Borgia
Jordana Boton
Bernadette Bowen

Kyle Boyd
Daniel Boyle
Trevor Bozich
Tatiana Bozovic
Alen Bradaric
Skyler Bradford
Charlie Bragg
Jeff Bragiel



into high gear

YOUR BIGGEST FEAR

What was your
biggest fear
coming to high
school?

“I wasn’t really afraid. I was more excited than afraid. Bigger school, more people, it’s a step up.”

”
Samantha Bonessa,
freshman

“At the beginning, it’s a new environment, so you don’t know what to expect. You have to get used to everything. It’s an adjustment.”

”
Jennifer Peng,
freshman

“I came from a different school. At first I was wondering if it was going to be hard meeting new people, but now I have a lot of friends.”

”
Kristina Keith,
freshman

“I was so afraid that seniors would shove me around in the hallways and yell and be really mean, but it’s nothing like I imagined. Sometimes I do get knocked around, but that’s because I’m so little.”

”
Sarah Johnson,
freshman

“I was scared that seniors could get me badly with lipstick on Homecoming, but it really wasn’t that bad. I got it all over my face, but it was nothing like I imagined. It wasn’t fun, but it was part of a ritual of high school.”

”
Paulina Kozupa,
freshman

sealed with a KS

Face decorated by senior Kristina Standley, Leann Sikora, freshman, records her assignments on Homecoming. “It was part of the ritual,” Leann said. “I didn’t freak out about the paint or anything.”



Alexander Brajak
Jenna Brakulis
Taylor Brian
Holly Brown
Sabrina Brown
Mitchell Bruhn
Meredith Brumm
James Burczyk

James Burgwald
Adrienne Bynum
Mitchell Calabrese
Marc Campos
Sofian Canic
Melissa Cappel
John Carlson
Kristina Carlson

Daniel Carr
Valerie Carrillo
Bryn Carter
Javier Carvajal
Juan Cega
Christopher Cheng
Katelyn Chovance
Arefin Chowdhury

Sarah Chowdhury
Ruth Christopher
Oscar Cisneros
Nicoletta Crotti
Alexandra Cohen
Jennifer Collinsworth
Adam Cooper
Joshua Cooper

Stefan Coric
Eric Cox
Daniel Creaigh
Kristina Cretu
Cherlyn Crozier
Kevin Curosh
Samantha Curtis
Natasha Damjanovich

Dabarshi Das
Joseph Debold
Cristal Del Real
Lino Dimas
Patrick Doherty
Julianne Donahue
Darrell Douth
Neil Doshi

headoftheclass

YOUR BIGGEST FEAR

What's your biggest fear in class?

“My biggest fear is not doing well on something that I worked very hard on and not succeeding because high school is very important and I want to succeed.”

“
Natasha Kanal,
freshman

“Not knowing about or forgetting to do an assignment and then having to do it in class at the last minute—trying to squeeze it in before the bell.”

“
Adam Cooper,
freshman

“I’m scared that my voice will crack while I’m talking in front of the class.”

Keaton Aktay,
freshman

“Talking in front of the class is really scary. I don’t like having all of those eyes watching me.”

“
Sarah Rubino,
freshman

home alone
Pointing to her bedroom, Tatiana Bozovic, freshman, describes the house of her dreams in French 2. “It was fun to think about what I wanted in my house, but it wasn’t easy,” she said. “It was all in French and that made me nervous.”

Tyler Drabenstot
Andrew Dudge
Jasmine Durham
Brandon Dutton
Kelsey Ellingsen
Jonathan Eloisa
Mona Elsalaymeh
Natalie Emro

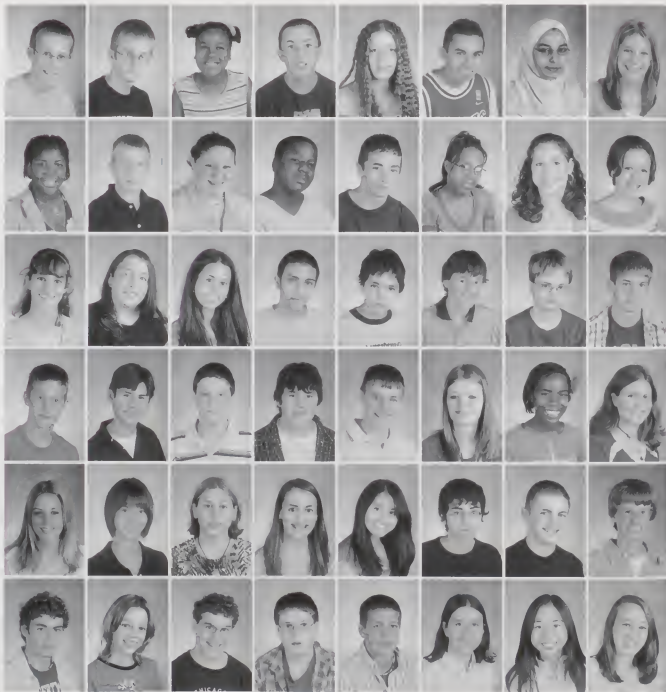
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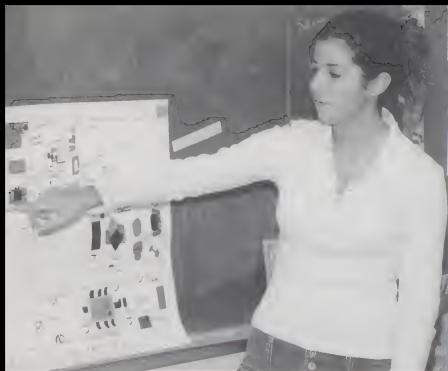
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Brian Good
Zachary Goode
Robert Gorman
Stephanie Gorman
Devin Gosberry
Clarissa Gosciej

Karen Gouwens
Sophia Griggs
Kassia Groszewski
Milana Grodzanich
Anna Guzman
Abel Gutierrez
Theodore Hack
Kenneth Hamilton

Theodore Hanak
Stephanie Handlon
Jonathan Harangody
Michael Harris
William Hasse
Julie Hawkins
Angela Hehn
Kathryn Helfen





“My biggest fear in class would have to be falling asleep and snoring. Waking up and having everyone stare at you would make me feel really dumb.”

Liz Wehmer,
freshman

“Doing the homework correctly because I didn't come from Wilbur Wright Middle School. The teachers at my old school had a totally different form and didn't tell us what to expect.”

Sarah Mihich,
freshman

“My biggest fear in class is that I will get an answer wrong and everyone will laugh at me. Everyone expects me to be right.”

Suchita Rastogi,
freshman



Laura Hennig
Basil Herbeck
Felipe Hernandez
Harrison Hernandez
Lyndsey Hilbrich
Jessica Hilbrich
Ronald Hileman
Kaitlin Hines

Ethan Hirsch
Mike Hluska
Amanda Hoffman
Alexandra Hora
Benjamin Horowitz
Farrah Hossain
Patrick Howard
Megan Hruska

Taylor Hubbard
Courtney Huckaby
Grant Huebner
James Hunt
Risa Hurwich
Joseph Jamich
Julie Janis
Andrew Johnson

Michael Johnson
Sarah Johnson
John Jurkash
Andrew Kaminski
Natasha Kanak
Pooja Kansal
Samuel Kasmak
Brett Keeler

Kristina Keith
Eleanor Kennedy
Jared Kernzer
Neil Keshvani
Umbreen Khaliu
Pooja Khatiwada
Kristine Kho
Katherine Kikalos

Elanor Kvsh
Emily Kitchell
Mark Knight
Ashley Kolar
Swara Kopparty
Jessica Korda
Kara Korem
Ann Koulianos

fighting fear pressure

YOUR BIGGEST FEAR

What's your
biggest phobia?

“ I'm afraid of dying because I'm too young and I've got my whole life ahead of me.

”
Jonathan
Harangody,
freshman

“ My biggest phobia is being somewhere where I don't know anybody. I'm really shy, so I like to know people before I go somewhere.

”
Meredith Brumm,
freshman

“ I don't like small spaces. I'm afraid of being in elevators, so I take the stairs.

”
Taylor Brian,
freshman

“ I would have to say that really big needles, like syringes, scare me. Just the thought of someone jamming something sharp into my arm is not appealing to me.

”
Miguel Santos,
freshman

“ Feet are ugly looking and I just can't stand them. I don't even like touching my own feet.

”
Jackie Kovach,
freshman

Jacqueline Kovach
Paulina Kozupa
Shawn Kramer
Miles Krasie
Daniel Kretz
Megan Krueger
Charles Krull
Pawel Kuzma

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Ashley Lair
Mitchell LaRock
Karen Larsen
Sara Larsen
Breanne Lawler
Sarah Lefkowsky
Stephanie Lemus

Justine Leonakis
Bradley Levan
Samantha Lodewyck
Kimberly Long
Jeffrey Longawa
Judith Maddatu
Mitchell Malone
Megan Mann

Marcelina Manuel
Aleksandar Marcetic
Samantha Mardyla
Marianne Marinakos
Nicholas Markovich
Steven Markovich
Dragoljub Martinovic
Kelly Mashura

Evan Maul
Shannon McCarthy
Walter McDonald
Erin McIntyre
Megan McKennie
Alexandra McKenna
Mallory McShane
Allison Medina

Jon Merritt
Kari Michniewicz
Sarah Mihich
Carl Milbrath
Brandon Miller
Matthew Miller
Ryan Miller
Anja Mitric



“

My biggest phobia is heights, because I'm afraid I would fall and hurt myself and not be able to play sports.

”

Matthew Thompson,
freshman

“

I am a germaphobe. I just think it's really gross to have everything around you dirty.

”

Megan Hruska,
freshman

“

I hate sharks because I saw the movie "Open Water," and it freaked me out. I will never go in the water again if there are sharks living there."

”

Chris Samano,
freshman

“

I have arachnophobia because once, at my friend's cottage, he and I took the paddle boat through this tunnel that we barely fit through and there were spiders everywhere. They kept falling into the boat.

”

Matthew Thompson,
freshman

“

I hate storms because they are loud and bad things always happen in movies when a storm outside.

”

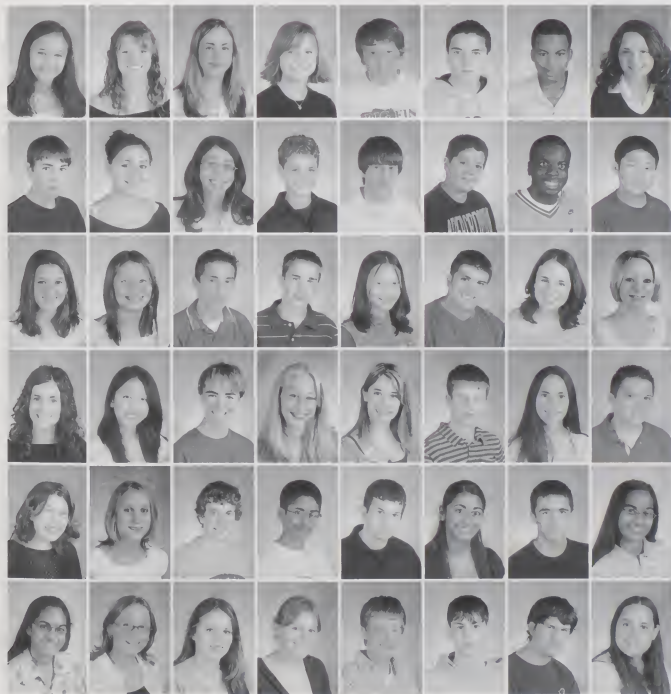
Josh Cooper,
freshman

“

I'm afraid of driving over bridges that go over big bodies of water because I'm afraid that they will collapse and I'll drown.

”

Annie Pellicciotti,
freshman



Natalie Miyashiro
Elizabeth Monell
Ashley Moore
Alexandra Mora
Nicholas Morelli
Brian Murphy
Justin Newman
Ivana Njegomir

David Noutens
Gina Novakovich
Jennifer Novosel
Joseph O'Brien
Brian O'Flara
Petar Ogrizovich
Chike Okolocha
Stephen Ong

Kristen Pagane
Nicole Pakan
Nicholas Pantazis
Eric Papesch
Lovelyn-Kay Pustranu
Ian Pavnick
Jessica Peach
Colleen Pearman

Annie Pellicciotti
Jennifer Peng
Matthew Petersen
Alana Phelan
Michelle Philipsborn
Blake Platt
Molly Pozzontek
Kurt Popovich

Amanda Puryear
Anna Pycinska
Timothy Qualls
Talha Qureshi
Andrew Radbel
Nisha Raiker
David Ramirez
Anisha Rastogi

Suchita Rastogi
Kelly Rausch
Jenniter Razey
Bailey Renne
Brian Ritz
Jared Rizzo
Eric Robertson
Ariana Rodriguez



“ Full responsibility. Right now we don't have it. We have many more responsibilities to face in our lifetime. ”

Jackie Kovach,
freshman

“ I'm afraid of what I'm going to have to do with my money. Paying bills and managing all of it, getting my bills paid on time. It seems like a lot. ”

Swara Kopparty,
freshman

“ Every birthday since I turned 10 I've cried. As you get older you are expected to be more independent. You no longer have Mommy and Daddy to lean on. I guess it's just the reality of growing up. ”

Molly Poczontek,
freshman

keyed up
Focusing on his work, Ryan Miller, freshman, types HTML codes. Ryan plans on working with computers in the future, but wants to become a journalist when he grows up.

Jennifer Romano
Alexander Rosales
Danielle Roy
Sarah Rubino
Branden Ruiz
Roberto Rumbolo
Christopher Samano
John Sanchez

Bryan Sanders
Andru Sannito
Miguel Santos
Cody Sasek
Brian Schmidt
Brandon Schweitzer
Amanda Scott
Ann Seaman

Belinda Sebenste
Patrick Seymour
Neal Shah
Colleen Shaw
Anna Sherron
Ryan Shimala
Mitchell Shlensky
Aleksandr Shmugranoff

Leann Sikora
Mubauk Singh
Nolan Slifko
Joshua Smit
Jacob Smith
Zachary Smith
Erik Soeka
Steven Soeka

Emily Sojka
Nemania Susic
Sarah Spolnik
Alyssa Spungen
Jeffrey Spyryka
Marko Sretenovic
Jack Standley
Alexander Stariha

Trevor Stewart
Nicholas Stoffregen
Tabitha Strong
Evelyn Strug
Kyle Stuart
Samantha Tantillo
Lauren Tanzillo
Matthew Thompson



actyourage

YOUR BIGGEST FEAR

What do you fear
most about
growing up?

“I’m afraid of being poor. I like nice stuff. I’ll probably spend most of it on clothing and then I won’t have any money to pay for food.”

Amanda Zimmerman,
freshman

“Having a bad relationship is what I’m most afraid of. I don’t know what I would do if my husband left me. It’s not really something I’m expecting, but it’s a question of ‘what if?’”

Kelly Rausch,
freshman

“I’m afraid of going bald because I have an obsession with my hair.”

Evan Maul,
freshman

“I’m afraid of not having any money and not having my parent’s money to spend if I run out, because after high school it’s up to me.”

Shannon McCarthy,
freshman

“Life. I don’t know what I’m going to do yet.”

Mitch LaRock,
freshman

“Changes like losing friends and losing contact with friends when we go to college.”

Jonathon Eloisa,
freshman



Punam Tiwana
Angela Toth
Max Tratar
Corey Trimolt
Jenna Trisch
Philip Ur
Jeffrey Vallese
Steven Vanes

Brittani Vasquez
Gregory Velasquez
Mattie Velasquez
George Vezmar
Kathryn Wadas
Kelly Wade
Megan Walker
Kevin Watson

Julianne Watterson
Mary Webber
Elizabeth Wehmer
Michael Wey
Molly White
Nikkida White
Lazarick Whitlock
Deborah Wilczynski

Blake Williams
Christopher Witter
Timothy Yee
Nick Yi
Megan Yothment
Brittany Zehner
Steve Zelenika
Lindsey Ziemba

Amanda Zimmerman
Julie Zivich

backtoschool

What is it like to be on the other side of the desk?

"It's everything I expected. It's been 26 1/2 years that I've been with Munster. It's never too long. It's too long if you don't like doing it anymore. Then it's time to get out."

Ms. Paula Malinski,
phys. ed.

"I try to put myself at the students' perspective. It's hard for me to believe that I was a student at some point."

Mr. Bob Shinkan,
geometry

"Oh man, it's fun. I like being able to joke around and get things done. It's really great when students come back and tell you that you really helped them not only in math, but in life."

Ms. Katie Harris,
math

"Munster High is a lot different than it was when I went here, it wasn't nearly as big and modern. It's really a different school."

Ms. Jill Underly,
social studies

Do you have any co-workers that were once your teachers?

"It took me four years to call Mrs. Yorke anything other than that. I call her 'Ma.' I can't imagine saying, 'Mary...' I do the same with Marsh and Edgington. No first names."

Ms. Jennifer Luksich,
Spanish

"I would never refer to Mr. Coppage by his first name. I talk to some of my old teachers now like Mr. LaReau, and Mr. Russell."

Mr. Matt Kalwasinski,
social studies

"I have a lot of co-workers that were my teachers. Here's the kicker: I had Mr. Tripenfeldas as my math teacher and now he's my boss."

Ms. Katie Harris,
math

"It was kind of weird at first. As the years went on, I hoped I had proved myself, and earned respect. I still respect the teachers that are here that I had in high school."

Mr. Bob Shinkan,
geometry

Mrs. Darlene Acosta: Attendance Secretary, Project X, SADD

Ms. Christine Barajas: Westlake Special Education

Dr. Timothy Bartlett: Vocal Music Director, Ensembles, Musical Director, Music Dept. Rep

Mr. Brent Barton: Westlake Special Education

Mr. John Beaupain: Computer Technology



Mrs. Laura Bonagurd: West Lakes Aide

Mr. Larry Brechner: Auditorium Director, Drama Director

Mrs. Donna Buck: Westlake Aide

Miss Jennifer Bulla: English, Speech Coach

Ms. Dawnmarie Bulut: Westlake Aide



Elvira Cedano: Westlake Aide

Mr. Brian Clark: English, Boys' Golf Coach, Ass't Football Coach, Ass't Wrestling Coach

Mr. Bruce Curme: Physics

Mr. Gary Davis: Physical Education, Lifesaving

Mrs. Carrie Diombala: Non-educational Aide



Mrs. Therese Dristas: English

Mrs. Christina Engle: Westlake Special Education

Mrs. Carol Florence: Guidance Counselor, Guidance Dept. Rep

Mr. Don Fortner: Economics, Speech and Debate Coach, Ass't Girls' Volleyball Coach

Mr. Dave Franklin: Science, Project Biology, Science Dept. Chair



79 YEARS, BUT WHOSE COUNTING?

Mrs. Mary Yorke
Speech, English Literature,
Composition, AP Composition

What have you learned after teaching for 35 years?
My students are quite perceptive about what makes effective learning. If you listen and have them give you an honest evaluation, you can learn a great deal.

What will you miss about teaching?

I was lucky to find a job I loved to do. I woke up and I thought 'Gosh, I get to teach today!' Everyone should have this joy. It's such a wonderful feeling, and so is being able to be involved with students' lives.

Mr. John Edgington
Honors Freshmen Biology, Biology,
Zoology, Botany, Project Bio

What have you learned after teaching for 44 years?
How to keep my sanity. I have learned that over time, kids really haven't changed. Times have changed, vocabulary has changed, but the kids are good.

What will you miss about teaching?

Everything. I started when it was a middle school. I watched it grow into a high school. I've watched us come up from the bottom of the totem pole. It's changed tremendously to what we are today.



Mr. Al Gandolfi: Assistant Principal
Mrs. Rachel Garrett: Westlake Interpreter
Mrs. Barb Gibbons: Westlake Aide
Mr. Jeff Graves: Chemistry
Mr. Mike Hackett: Health, Outdoor Education,
Head Boys' Basketball Coach

Mrs. Kay Hansen: Guidance Secretary
Mrs. Katie Harris: Math, Academic Team
Mrs. Nancy Hastings: Journalism, Media Arts,
Paragon, Crier, Quill and Scroll sponsor
Miss. Kelly Haussman: Chemistry
Mr. Arthur Haverstock: Science

Mrs. Maggie Heckton: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Dessie Kammer: Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Deb Kelley: Auditorium Secretary
Mr. Jack King: Assistant Dean of Students
Mrs. Renee Kouris: English, Technical Theatre,
Drama

Mr. Marc Lehnerer: English, Speech, Freshman
Class sponsor
Mrs. Andrea Lemon: Westlake Special
Education
Mrs. Linda Lemon: English
Mrs. Paulette Libaki: Food Service Director
Mrs. Elena Lopez: Ceramics



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Mr. William Pfister,
Superintendent



Mr. Richard Sopko
Asst. Superintendent



Dr. Michael O'Connor
Asst. to Superintendent



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Physical Education Dept. Rep
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Science

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Coach, Ass't Girls' Track Coach
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Debate Coach

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Education
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Applications
Mrs. Lori Nicholas: Media Assistant
Mrs. Kathy Olivotto: Guidance Counselor,
Dollars for Scholars



last goodbye

At the 2005 Commencement in the Fieldhouse, Principal Mr. Steven Tripenfeldas gives his final speech to the 307th graduating seniors on June 5.

thumbs up

Playing a game of thumb war with Coach Leroy Marsh's grandson Patrick, Dean of Students Mr. Jack King battles his way to victory. "He challenges me at every football game," Mr. King said. "We've been doing this for three years now. He cheats every time."





Mrs. Suzanne Owen: Media Specialist
Ms. Valerie Pflum: Math, Ass't Girls' Soccer Coach, Ping Pong Club, Sophomore Class sponsor, National Honor Society
Mrs. Pat Premetz: Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Math Department Chair
Linda Redar: Non-Educational Aide
Mrs. Marilyn Rizzo: Family and Consumer Science

Mr. Dominic Ross: Computer Technical Support
Mr. David Russell: English, Creative Writing
Mrs. Judy Sayre: Westlake Aide
Mrs. Georgia Sherman: Audio Visual Technology
Mr. Bob Shinkan: Geometry, Head Boys' Baseball Coach, Ass't Varsity Football Coach

Miss Shonna Siegers: Earth and Space Science, Academic Team
Mr. Mike Smith: Athletic Director
Mr. Joseph Sokol: Math, Junior Class sponsor
Mrs. Michelle Stan: Social worker
Mr. Corky Stopper: Non-educational Aide

Mrs. Rita Stopper: Media Assistant
Mrs. Janel Tobias: Science, Diving Coach
Mr. Steven Tripenfels: Principal
Mrs. Charlene Tsoutsouris: Spanish, Foreign Language Dept. Chair
Mr. Donald Ullman: Chemistry, Academic Team

Mrs. Jill Underly: Social Studies, Student Government
Mrs. Lisa Valent: Math
Mrs. Beth Vesa: Algebra, Head Girls' Basketball Coach, Head Softball Coach
Mrs. Jan Watson: Westlake Special Education
Mrs. Jody Weiss: English

Mr. William Woods: Band Director, Marching Band, Jazz Band
Mr. Steve Wroblewski: Math, Computer Programming
Mrs. Mary Yorke: English, Composition, Speech, English Dept. Chair
Mr. Don Zeller: Assistant Principal, Guidance

KAYLEN HUGGY

Kaylen,
If you can be
silly and laugh
out loud, you
will succeed.
We are so
proud of you
today,
tomorrow and
always.

Love,
Mom & Dad



SARAH ANNE LANMAN



To our gal SAL. You have grown
so much from the picture above
to the beauty you are now. You
have only just begun. We praise
you with highest honors and we
are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

ERIC LAMAGDELEINE

Congratulations, Eric. We
are very proud of you and
all your accomplishments.
May you continue to
amaze us! Wishing you
success and happiness in
your future.

Grands bisous
Nous t'aimons,
Mom, Dad and Alicia



ALLI CHELGREN



Congratulations Alli!
We are so proud of the
person you are, and we
eagerly await the person you
will become.

We love you!
Mom, Dad,
Kristen and Brian

LAUREN GUIDOTTI

It seems like not so long ago
We were talking to mamma's belly
Sayin', "hey yo! 'Fetes'.
"You think you're about ready?"
Well, we turned around once or twice
And the next thing we knew
We had a little baby in the house.
We called you "Boogie Boo Boo"
Then "Boogie" became "Boogs"
And "Boogs" turned into "Scooby"
And "Scooby" turned 'round once or twice and became
Well...

A thing of beauty—
Look at you now!

Once again you're good to go
Getting ready to turn around again.
But, there's something you should know:
It kinda freaks us out a bit
(It tears us up a little too)

You see, even though you are all grown up
You'll **always** be our little "Scooberool!"



STEPHANIE SCULLY

Congratulations Steph!

We are very proud of
you and all your
accomplishments.
You're the best.
Have fun at Purdue.

Love,
Dad, Mom,
Patrick and Danielle

MICHELLE JONES

"I can do it" has
always been your
motto. Your future
awaits you and we
know you can do
it.

Love,
Mom and Dad

ADAM & ASHLEY CARLSON

Good luck and congratulations, Adam and Ashley. We're proud of you as you both move onto college.

Love,
Mom and Dad

JESSICA ARENS



Jessica:
We're so proud of you. Good luck at Purdue and your journey into adulthood. Remember to live life to it's fullest, take advantage of opportunities that come your way, and always follow your heart. Dreams really do come true!

Love,
Mom and Ashley

2005 SENIOR BAND MEMBERS

2005 Senior Band Members

Congratulations Graduates!

Thank you for all your time and talents, making this a very special year!
From the Band Backers



Senior Band Members

Front row: Jenna Candiano, Emilee Vandersluis

Second row: Rachel Pucalik, Neerja Prasad, Emily Bradley

Third row: Doug Boyer, Steve Hus, Eric Wallace, Niki Cacich, Matt Coduti

Back row: Stephanie Frank, Elliot Eismen, Eric LaMagdeleine, Suman Rao, Valerie Umlauf, Nicole Parra, David Zagorski, Heather Haneman, Spelios Bacoyanis, Keith Lorenz, Steve Balog, Kristen Moran, Kristina Stephan, Stephanie Scully, Kelly Simmons, Daniel Albrecht-Mallinger

Not pictured: Andrew Sharp, Brian Wujek

SARAH LAYMON

Your future lies ahead of you,
may all your dreams come true.
Congratulations!

Love,
Dad and Mom

BRIAN RUBESHA

Brian,
May you set out for the future with confidence, with determination, and with pride in the man you've become.
Best wishes at Valparaiso University!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Brianne

SARA SCHULTE

Congratulations, Sara!
You've made us proud!
Good luck at IU.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Amanda



MORGAN GEBERIN



Morgan,
We are so proud of the person you have become!
Continue making the most of your opportunities. God bless and watch over you.
Keep Smiling!

We love you,
Mom, Dad and Errol

ODDS & ENDS

The *Star Wars* Saga ended with *Revenge of the Sith*, concluding nearly 30 years of George Lucas' legacy. Students and teachers flocked to theaters May 20 for the first glimpse at the end.

"It was a lot to take in but it was really good. They threw a lot of information at you, but all the loose ends got tied in."

Todd Loden, senior

"It was so amazing because it was the last one and it made the saga complete."

Rachel Myszak, senior

"I was pleased and tickled sky-blue pink with the experience. The energy in the theater was riveting and the camaraderie of the patrons was inspiring."

Mr. Robin Tobias,
English teacher

"The third epic was a lot more bleak than the others. It dealt with a lot darker subjects and rather than being involved with hope it was consumed by helplessness. It was pretty tight."

Erica Ranade, senior

"It as pretty good. They did a real good job with the special effects. The dialogue was okay, but they did a really good job with the ending."

Devin Johnson, sophomore

"I thought it had great special effects. It was lacking in dialogue and character development, but overall it was a good movie."

Mr. Don Fortner,
Economics teacher

MARNAN CAMPOS

Congratulations
Marnan!
You have
blossomed into a
wonderful person.
We are so proud of
you. There is
nothing but the best
in your future!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Marc



MARK EVERETTE II



To our firstborn,
Congratulations!
Your hard work has
paid off and now the
real adventure
begins!

Love,
Mom & Dad

DANIEL ALBECHT-MALINGER



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JESSICA ORZEL



I watched you wave and bravely enter
kindergarten. Now as you leave high school, I
realize you have grown up. I'm so proud of you!
You have filled my life with love and happiness.
My legal responsibility may be over; your future
is in your hands. But my love, guidance and
support is never ending.

I love you, always and forever and a day.
Mom

MUNSTER ORCHESTRA

CONGRATULATIONS 2005 ORCHESTRA SENIORS!

Thank you for your talent and your leadership. We couldn't have done it without you!



Senior Orchestra members:

Front Row: Krystle Murzyn,
Marnan Campos, Neerja Prasad,
Tina Shieh

Second Row: Julie Nelson,
Heather Haneman

Back Row: Eliot Benman, Andrew
Sharp, Chris Ondo, Doug Boyer

JUSTIN HERNANDEZ

Hair today, gone tomorrow. Where has the time gone? Stay focused and determined. Always do your best in whatever you do. Hold your head up high and "make your mark on the world." We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Felipe and
Anneliese



KELLY FRAY

We wish you every success, joy and happiness in all that you do.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Joe
Molly, Ziggy &
Rusty



LYNDSAY LANGBEHN

The time has flown by all too fast. Part of your future's now the past. Your graduation's come at last.

We couldn't be prouder.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Zach

LAUREN DAVIS

Dear Lauren,

Do not follow
where the
path may lead.
Go instead
where there is
no path and
leave a trail.

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Coley



ANDREW BISSONNETTE

Andrew,
We are so proud of you.
Continue this wonderful
journey with hard work and
determination and you will
go far. We know you can
do it. Have a great time at
Ball State.
Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Adam and Tony



KRISTEN SZAFASZ



"Congratulations!
Today is your day
You're off to great places
You're off and away!"

Dr. Suess

IU is lucky to have you!

Love,
Mom, Dad
Katie and Brett

PAIGE POPRAVAK

"Go confidently in the
direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have
imagined."

Henry David Thoreau

with all our love,
Mom & Dad



RACHEL PUCALIK



We love you.

Mom, Dad and Kyle

MARK EVERETTE

Congrats, Big Bro!
We hope
you'll have fun on
your journey in life.

Love,
Your little sisters



ODDS & ENDS

The biggest shows of the 2004-2005 TV season ended with a bang. No matter what the results, students said "wow" to their favorite show.

The O.C.

Marissa shot Trey when she found him trying to kill his brother Ryan.

American Idol

Country star Carrie Underwood beat out rocker Bo Bice to become the fourth "Idol."

Desperate Housewives

Mary Alice, the narrator from beyond the grave, killed the woman buried in the Young yard, and not her husband as suspected.

Gilmore Girls

Loreli proposed to Luke as Rori prepared to take a year off from Yale.

Lost

The mysterious "Others" attacked the castaways' raft. They kidnapped Walt and left the rest to drown in the ocean.

One Tree Hill

Nathan told Lucas that he no longer considered him a friend or a brother while Nikki left with Jenny.

The Apprentice 3

Kendra, the real estate developer, beat out Tana to become Donald Trump's new assistant.

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After multiple heroisms for our nation, Jack Bauer was exiled from the country.

STEPHANIE FRANK

We love you
and we're
proud of you!
Be happy!

Love,
Mom and Dad

TARYN LOTAK

Congratulations, Taryn
We wish you the best
in your artistic future
as we watch you
mature to draw your
dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Justin & Jessica

**ASHLEY BROWN**

We are ever so proud
of all you have done.
You have grown from our
energetic baby girl to a
wonderful, motivated
beautiful woman. We wish
you every happiness and
success in the coming
years. Always follow your
dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Tony and Tiffany

**CHRISSY DOMENICO, ERICA RANADE, MICHELLE BECKA & ALLI CHELGREN**

Congratulations to four fine young
women who have achieved their
goals and had fun along the way.
Your futures are bright...
don't forget your sunglasses.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Domenico



Erica, Chrissy, Michelle, Alli

DAVID PORTER

David,
Most great people have something in common: they all have at least one person in their corner who believes in them. You have many. Wherever you are, whatever you're going through, there will always be someone to count on. Wishing the best for you and cheering you on.
DREAM BIG--DON'T SETTLE

Love, Mom



TREVOR CLIPPERT

Trevor,
May your many gifts lead you to success and happiness in your life's journey. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Dad, Mom
and Natalie



STEPHENIE BRAJAK

Congratulations
Stephenie on four great years.
Good luck at
Indiana University.

We love you,
Alex, Kristin,
Nicholas,
Mom and Dad

MARK EVERETT

Congratulations, Mark!
We commend you on present accomplishments and support you in all your future aspirations. You have made us extremely proud.
We love you,

Your grandparents,
Ronald and Mozell Scott

JARED FLAHAVEN



We are proud of all you have accomplished and filled with hope for your future. Stay true to who you are and you will be unstoppable.
God bless you.

Love,
Mom and Dad, Seth,
Ethan and Micah

KRYSTLE MURZYN



Congratulations
Krystle!
Listen to your heart
and watch your
dreams come true.
You Da Girl!

Love,
Mom & Dad
xoxo

KRISTINA STANDLEY

Dear Kristina,
We have every confidence
that you will be successful
in life. You are a self-
motivator, which will be a
great asset for you at IU.
Set your goals high and
always give 100%. We're
all so very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jack and Sarah



AMANDA POGACH



Diva in Training

Congratulations!
Never stop singing.
The world is yours.
Good luck at
Vanderbilt.

Love,
Mom & Dad

ASHLEY BRIAN

Ashley Lauren Brian,

Follow your dreams...
Listen to your heart...
Reach for the stars...
And always
remember to stop
and smell the flowers.

Love,
Mom & Dad



SARAH BURNSTEIN



Congratulations Sarah,

You have made us very proud. Good luck in your next achievement on the exciting road in life.

Have a great time at IU.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Michelle

Go White Sox!!

RACHEL GOSCIEJ



You are an incredible young woman. You bring sunshine and joy to all who know you. New exciting opportunities are waiting! Follow your dreams with passion, prayer, commitment and laughter. Know that we are proud of you and support you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Clarissa

AUBREY VALESQUEZ

Aubrey,
"This has all
been wonderful.
But now I'm on
my way."

Good Luck,
Mom & Dad

SEAN LETO

Congratulations,
Seán!
You've made it.
Good luck in
everything.

Love,
Mom and Dad

ODDS & ENDS

The top songs provided the soundtrack of the year as users downloaded on iPods as fast as possible. The most popular songs could be found flipping through an iPod's playlist of mp3s.

Yeah! Usher
If I Ain't Got You
Alicia Keys

The Way You Move OutKast
Goodies Ciara

Lean Back Terror Squad
Move Ya Body Nina Sky
Dip It Low Christina Milian
Overnight Celebrity Twista
Encore/Numb Linkin Park
She Will Be Loved Maroon 5
Heaven Los Lonely Boys
Pieces of Me

Ashlee Simpson
Leave (Get Out) JoJo
Do Somethin'

Britney Spears
My Happy Ending
Avril Lavigne

One Thing Finger Eleven
Drop It Like It's Hot
Snoop Dogg feat. Pharrell
On The Way Down
Ryan Cabrera

Since U Been Gone
Kelly Clarkson

Skin Rascal Flatts
Hollaback Girl

Gwen Stefani
Switch Will Smith
Mr. Brightside The Killers
Candy Shop 50 Cent
Lonely No More

Rob Thomas
Sugar (Gimme Some)
Trick Daddy

Collide Howie Day
Bld. of Broken Dreams
Green Day
Burn Usher

EMILY DIEKELMANN

Words can't express how proud we are of you! You have overcome so many obstacles throughout your life and still you have managed to succeed in your studies, theater and music. You have such a gift in your voice and you have let it shine in all aspects of your life. Continue to make beautiful music in all that you do! May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Melissa,
and your own
Guardian Angel-
Daddy



JENNA CANDIANO



To the end of the end
and
The beginning of the beginning

As you end your childhood and
begin adulthood we hope your
dreams come true.

Congratulations honey.
We are so proud of you.

All our love,
Mom and Dad

JENNIFER ZGORKA

We are very proud of
the person that you
have become.
Continue to
challenge yourself
and strive to be your
very best.
Enjoy the journey.
Enjoy Emory.
Love,
Mom and Dad



KRISTINA STEPHAN



Congratulations Boober!

We are very proud of you
and wish you tons of
happiness and much
success.

We love you!
Dad, Mom, Sarah &
Meghan

MUNSTER MUSTANG HOCKEY ORGANIZATION 2004-2005



Bottom Row: Philip Bernardi, Brian O'Hara, Josh Smit, Eric Hutchings, Grant Burdeau
Second Row: Ryan Mehay, Corey Trimolt, Greg Van Camp, Coach Rick Rubino, Jason Schmelzer, Kevin Smith, Stephen Adams
Top Row: Brian Good, Steven Johnson, Dan Schlesinger, Kurt Jorgensen, Anthony Alfonsi, Steve Kerber, Team Manager Dave Van Camp
Not Pictured: Ryan Burke, Kenneth Ehlin, Asst. Coach Robert DeGard



Grant Burdeau - Goalie



Greg Van Camp - Captain



Kenneth Ehlin - Asst. Captain

Munster Mustangs Hockey Organization

<http://www.geocities.com/mustanghockeyteam/>

HADADY MACHINING



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Machining Company Inc



Front: Tiffany Barth, Kaylen Huggy. Back: Chris Maloney, Alli Chelgren, Lucia Rigo, Gina Stoffregen, Lauren Guidotti, Sarah-Anne Lanman, Elise Miller, Mrs. Nancy Hastings

Congratulations Paragon!
You put all the parts together in another
award winning edition,
following the Hadady tradition.

AP COMP

Mrs. Mary Yorke and AP Comp--

We couldn't
have done it
without you!
Thank you.

Love,
Alli, Sarah-Anne and
Paragon 2005



ODDS & ENDS

Each aspect of the school made the building unique, from the many teachers, random rooms and special statistics that belonged to 8808 Columbia Ave. exclusively.

1,691 number of lockers

79 number of classrooms

78 number of teachers

15 number of support staff

4 number of administrators

350 number of computers

34 number of doors
leading to the outside

45 ft height of the
Fieldhouse dome

416 steps North to South
from the Pub to Ceramics

1,025 number of lunches
served each day

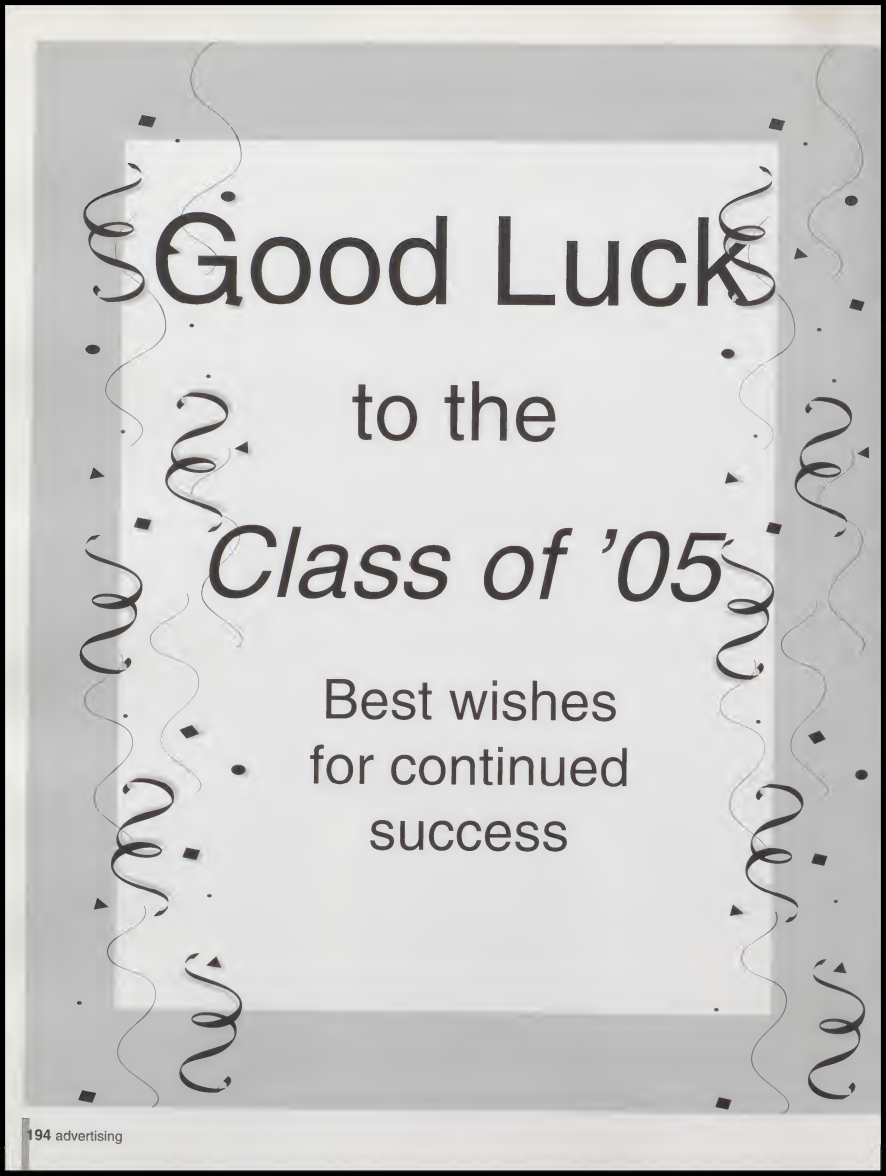
300 pounds of fries used
on an average day

850 number of Bosco
sticks served daily

\$157 thousand in
scholarships awarded
to the Senior Class

6 reams of paper used
in the library daily

500 pieces of paper in
each room

A decorative border surrounds the central text area, featuring black streamers, confetti, and small squares on a light gray background.

Good Luck

to the

Class of '05

Best wishes
for continued
success

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The door to "the Pub" often had to stay closed during school hours to stop the outbursts, laughter and yelling from echoing throughout the school. After hours, the door stayed open, letting the insanity briefly escape and allow the real world a glimpse inside.

When outsiders did come in, scattered papers met them, along with a staff yelling at computer screens and H talking to herself, often leaving people to say "Wow, what are they doing in here?"

From Sarah-Anne's muttering about what needed to be done to Kaylen's incessant laughter, the staff of two writers managed to pull themselves together. With help from frequent Dairy Queen runs, the obtaining of "H-isms" and Lauren's "words of encouragement," the determined 9 staff members worked past graduation into the early days of June. The only way to stay sane included frequent walks by Tiffany and Gina, the ever-present PSP of Chris's, Lucia's obsession with shooting basketball and Alli and Elise's incessant baking. And don't forget the sibling-like bickering.

Paragon Volume 40 wow...more than a word, a slice of life was printed by Herff Jones, 6015 Travis Ln., Shawnee Mission, KS 66202-2343 with the aid of in-plant Customer Service Adviser Lisa Merino. With a press run of 1,050, the book featured 100 lb. Bordeaux paper. Early orders of the yearbook cost \$40, while late May pushed prices to \$50.

The book features a staff created four-color litho cover, with Kaylen Huggy designing the background and inspiration from an advertisement from the movie *The Merchant of Venice*.

All pages were submitted on disk, using PageMaker 6.5 and Adobe Photoshop. Our staff photographers shot, processed and printed more than 500 rolls of black and white Kodak TMAX 400. The staff moved towards more digital photography with the purchase of a Nikon D70 and Lauren Guidotti's personal Canon EOS. Halterman/Root Photography Studios in Ottawa, IL, shot all underclass and senior portraits, as well as club group shots.

The 2004 *Paragon* "no ifs, ands, or buts" was named a National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker Finalist, Indiana High School Press Association Hoosier Star Finalist, and was named Best of Show in the midsize category at the JEA/NSPA Fall National Convention in Atlanta, GA.

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face value

Eyes full of tears, Danielle Troumouliaris, sophomore, reacts to senior Jordan Barnes' death in "Brigadoon." Performing her humorous interpretation of "Ruthless" for parents, Michelle Becka, senior, lets loose on Speech performance night. "I humor brought out a side of me that people didn't usually see," Michelle said. In the fall musical "Rumors," Scott Goodwin, junior, loses his temper.



“Wow, I can't believe we're finally done. Things will never be the same.”

Lucy Brown,
senior

pitch perfect

Letting the ball fly into the strike zone, Lori Andjelich, senior, pitches at a home game. "I've always been involved in softball," Lori said. "To take something I've done since I was a little kid and play it through high school was so fun."



the last slice

By the end of the year, the work overload outweighed the hours of play. By June 3, students itched to get out of school. You said "wow" when...

Thanks to her sculpture students, Mrs. Linda Haynes, art teacher, gained a few **purple streaks** in her hair before being sculpted into a twin of senior Karly Dytrych—complete with leopard tights and tiger eyes.

The Boys' Baseball Team shocked fans at Sectionals, trumping Lake Central with a **6-3 score**, securing their place at Regionals for the first time in two years.

With the help of the Senior Class, Lauren Guidotti decked out the Commons with signs, streamers and **150 candid posters** of seniors in their best form. From Brian Rubesha flying as Mr. Incredible to Steven Decker's turtle face, the Class of 2005 bid a final farewell to peers and faculty.

The Girls' Track Team ran **long and hard** to qualify 10 runners, freshmen through seniors, all the way to State, the most ever in the team's history.

All the year's work ended with a sigh of relief...

Walking out of school after the final bell June 3, underclassmen and upperclassmen relished the satisfying relief of finishing another year. When graduation finally rolled around June 5, after four years of work and play, 307 seniors survived the 90 degree heat in the Fieldhouse to become the Class of 2005. When all was said and done, students stopped to say

"Wow, we made it."



slice of life

Ready to spit out her drink, Alli Chelgren, senior, regrets trying a new flavor at the World of Coke in Atlanta, GA. **Checking** to measure a block's weight, Naveen Chaubal, sophomore, tries to find the frictional force in Physics. **On stage,** Drew Koessler, senior, plays "When We Bleed." **Arms swaying,** sophomore Desiree Cossyleon has fun at Battle of the Bands.

The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It highlights the need for a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter and the role of the researcher in this process. The second part of the paper presents the methodology used in the study, including the data collection methods and the analysis techniques. The third part of the paper discusses the results of the study and the conclusions drawn from the findings. The final part of the paper provides a summary of the key points and offers suggestions for future research.

The research was conducted in a systematic and rigorous manner, following the principles of scientific inquiry. The data was collected from a representative sample of the population, and the analysis was performed using advanced statistical techniques. The results of the study indicate that there is a significant relationship between the variables under investigation, and this finding has important implications for the field. The conclusions drawn from the study are based on a thorough examination of the data and a careful consideration of the limitations of the research. The paper concludes with a discussion of the broader context of the research and the potential for further exploration of the topic.

In conclusion, the research presented in this paper provides valuable insights into the subject matter and contributes to the existing body of knowledge. The findings of the study are robust and reliable, and the conclusions are well-supported by the evidence. The paper is a testament to the power of scientific research and the importance of a thorough and honest examination of the data.

Table 1. Mean (SD) age, height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) of the 100 children in the study

Measure	Mean (SD)
Age (years)	10.4 (0.5)
Height (cm)	145.2 (10.1)
Weight (kg)	40.1 (10.2)
BMI (kg m ⁻²)	19.3 (3.2)

children were asked to perform a series of 10 trials of the task. The first trial was a practice trial and the remaining 9 trials were recorded. The mean of the last 9 trials was used for analysis. The children were then asked to perform the task again, this time with their eyes closed. The same procedure was followed for the eyes closed condition.

The children were then asked to perform the task again, this time with their eyes open and their feet on the ground. The same procedure was followed for the eyes open condition. The children were then asked to perform the task again, this time with their eyes closed and their feet on the ground. The same procedure was followed for the eyes closed condition.

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